

Welfare And War Relief Collection Next Sunday

From the time World War II began, a number of all churches, Catholic, Protestant and Jews, have been raising funds to take care of people exiled by governments in many lands, refugees who left persecuted countries at the risk of their lives, or orphanages, homes for the aged, and hospitals in war-torn countries.

Catholics, as you are aware, not only have raised from \$5 million to \$7 million every year through a collection taken up on the fourth Sunday of Lent, but they have had drives for clothing, for food for Europeans, for Koreans, and others in distress.

This post war work is not, in any sense, all over. It costs the Bishops of the United States more than \$2 million a year presently to operate offices in Europe, New York, and in many other ports of entry into this country to receive refugees, to clothe them as they

MOST REV. JOHN F. NOLL, D.D.

arrive in this country, and to keep them, according to the Immigration regulations until they may be dis-

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Since the goal is \$5,000,000.00 we should like to have several members of the family jointly contribute at least \$2.00.

patched to the people who sponsor their coming. Therefore, it has become necessary to keep up this collection.

Some \$600,000.00 of the money is sent to the Holy Father, who still has the burden of looking after refugees in many countries.

At any rate we are asking for only an average of \$2.00 a family once a year for all this grand work.

Catholics are operating at an extremely low expense because Religious in some countries, and Catholic Charity organizations in other countries, render their service of investigation and distribution gratis. We believe we have told you that in France some 10,000 Sisters distribute food and clothing to orphanages, hospitals and homes for the aged and for the poor without any remuneration. This consideration should be an incentive to you to be generous.

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High School Fund Drive Tops \$1 Million Mark

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Note For Pastors

Remittance for memberships in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for Diocesan Charities and support for the NCCW and NCCM should be sent to:

Bishop's House
1415 W. Washington
Boulevard,
Fort Wayne 2, Indiana.

The War Relief Collection, however, should be sent to the

Chancery Office,
P. O. Box 390,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

High School Drive Succeeds

We are pleased to learn that the drive for funds with which to erect the new Catholic High School in South Bend has resulted, to date, in pledges aggregating more than \$1,000,000.00.

The Archbishop of Indianapolis, who already has a couple of Catholic High Schools, has just completed a campaign for a fund of \$1,500,000.00 in that city to build another high school. This fund was oversubscribed by more than \$1,000,000.00.

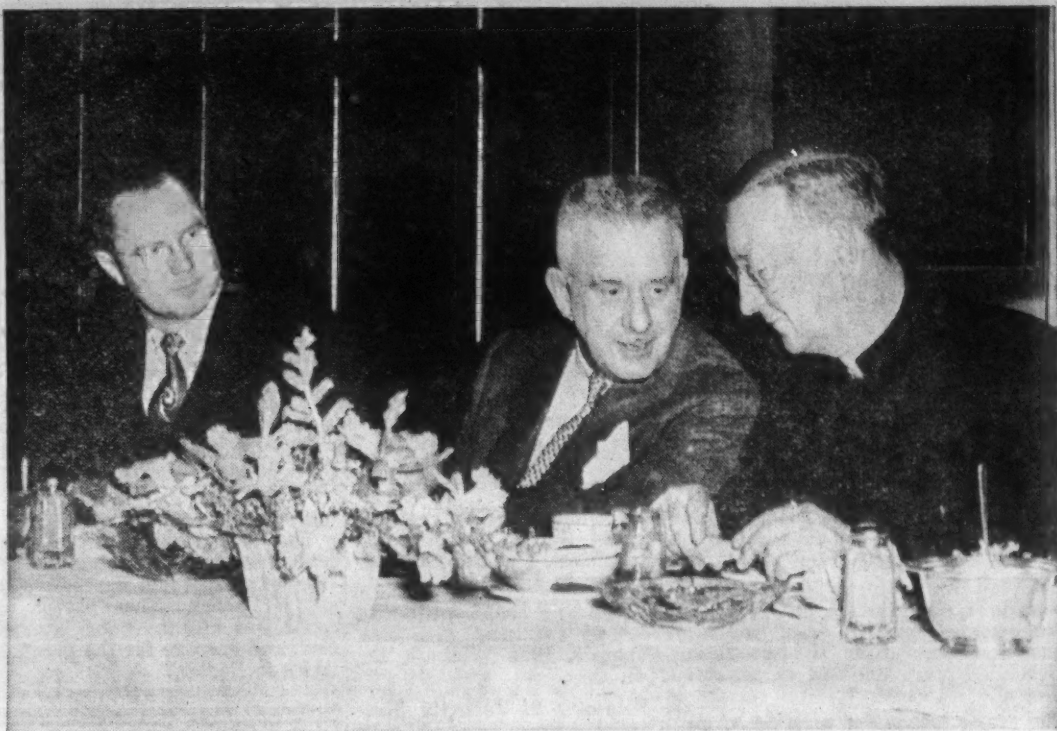
Increase Your Earnestness

As we go along towards Easter increase your Lenten earnestness.

We hope that you are reading the Lenten meditations contained under the heading "Dear Readers" every week.

War Relief Collection

Read the Holy Father's appeal for a generous offering from the people of every parish to the Bishops' War Relief, Laetare Sunday, March 23.



A scene at the gathering of the Friends of the Catholic high school committee. At the head of table are, left to right: Charles A. Francis, president of the Charles A. Francis Company, Kansas City, which is supervising the campaign; Paul D. Gilbert, chairman of the Friends Committee, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Sabo, V.F., dean of the South Bend deanery, clergy chairman of the drive.

Pope Confident U.S. Catholics Will Give Generously To War Relief Collection

Washington —(NC)— Confidence that Catholics in the United States "will respond with ready generosity" to the \$5,000,000 appeal of the Bishops' Fund for Victims of War to be conducted on Laetare Sunday, March 23, has been expressed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Addressed to the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States, the Holy Father's message was sent to Archbishop Francis P. Keough of Baltimore, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Pope Pius asserted that through the generosity of American Catholics in past years, many of the world's suffering and poor are being gradually rehabilitated, but he reminded that "the pleas of many more come from beyond the seas; from the countries of exile, because they have been forced to leave their native hearths; from resettlement camps, as they have yet to find new homelands; from dismal hovels and dark caverns in the earth, for their homes have yet to be rebuilt."

"They speak to your people in anguished tones," the Holy Father continued, "for their need is grave; they speak of unemployment, of harrowing misery, of hunger and want, for these are their sad daily lot."

Through the proceeds derived from the Laetare Sunday campaign, the operations of the U.S. Bishops' Emergency Relief Committee and of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference are sustained. It has been

emphasized that this year's campaign will aid the war victims, homeless, refugees and others in need in Europe, the Near and Far East, and elsewhere in Asia.

The text of the Holy Father's message follows:

"Once again, Venerable Brethren, the poor and suffering members of the world Christian family open their hearts to their brothers and sisters in Christ in the Archdioceses of the United States of America through the medium of your Lenten Appeal. Many of them already enjoy the sheltering care of your hospitable nation and are being gradually rehabilitated by means of the helpful assistance which is being extended to them through the beneficent organizations maintained by the generous charity of your people. But the pleas of many more come from beyond the seas; from countries of exile, because they have been forced to leave their native hearths; from resettlement camps, as they have yet to find new home-

lands; from dismal hovels and dark caverns in the earth, for their homes have yet to be rebuilt. They speak to your people in anguished tones, for their need is grave; they speak of unemployment, of harrowing misery, of hunger and want, for these are their sad daily lot.

"If We raise Our voice in their favor, Venerable Brethren, it is to express to you Our ardent appreciation of the work which you and your devoted people, individually and collectively, are doing on behalf of these unfortunate ones. It is to extend to you and to all Our loving children in the United States of America the expression of Our personal gratitude for the unflinching and generous-hearted assistance which has been accorded Us in Our apostolate of charity among these afflicted members of the human family. Above all it is to give the encouragement of Our support to this appeal which you issue in Our name and to plead, with all the earnestness of Our

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Reports From Solicitors Are Still Incomplete

South Bend—The financial road towards the proposed Catholic high school for the twin cities of South Bend and Mishawaka received the green light this week as the minimum goal of \$1,000,000 was oversubscribed by \$260,400.

Campaign headquarters here also made it clear that reports from solicitors are still incomplete and would be so for about a month. Final tabulations are still to be forthcoming from the business firms committee headed by James Hammes and Rev. Walter J. Higgins; friends of the Catholic high school chairmaned by Paul Gilbert; and the special contributions committee under the jurisdiction of the Rev. Walter McAllister and Andre Goes.

The campaign among the 24 parishes of South Bend and Mishawaka has demonstrated a closely knit feeling of responsibility of individuals and contributors towards the Church. This program of mutual action has also served to enlighten many who originally had taken a dim point of view towards the million dollar goal.

Success of the minimum goal has also brought about a great admiration towards Catholics in the deanery from their non-Catholic neighbors, so much so that the friends of the Catholic high school committee headed by Paul Gilbert are confident they can add a substantial amount to the fund from their non-Catholic neighbors.

The school will be located at the northwest corner of Angela boulevard and U. S. Highway No. 31 in South Bend, just west of the University of Notre Dame golf course.

Shows Movie Of Fr. Peyton's Book

Honolulu, T.H.—(NC)—One of the major theater chains here is showing the movie based on the book of the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., "That I May See" as a Lenten feature. The Royal Amusement Co. has billed the film on its inter-island chain. Father Peyton is the founder and director of The Family Rosary Crusade.

Inside O. S. V.

You'll find special articles on the vocation of marriage. On page 1, "Marriage: A Great and Holy Vocation"; "God Wants to Bless Your Marriage" and "Those Whom You Should Not Marry." There are other items on the same subject throughout this week's O. S. V. You'll find them on pages 2, 3, 4, and 10. In the Youth Section, Father Conroy speaks of "Saints in the World." Also on page 5, see an article on the Christophers. "Here's How You Can Change the World." The youngsters will enjoy the children's page, page 6, and don't miss "Sportscasting" on page 8. Be a well-informed Catholic. Look . . . INSIDE O. S. V.

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Dofl Set State Meet April 25-27

Fort Wayne—Our Lady of Victory Circle, Daughters of Isabella, will be host to the 24th annual convention of the Indiana State Circles, to be held in Fort Wayne, on April 25, 26 and 27.

Mrs. Mary Cashman, regent of Our Lady of Victory Circle, is the General Chairman of the convention, which will be held at the Van Orman Hotel. Mrs. Sarah Dalton, State Regent and National Director, of Hammond, will be in charge of the business sessions.

The convention program is as follows: Friday, April 25, Registration of delegates and visitors, from 2 to 7 p.m.; Regents meeting, from 3:30 to 4:30; Benediction at Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 5:15, and the reception for National and State Officers and delegates at 7:30 p.m.

The business session will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, the invocation to be given by The Very Rev. Msgr. Charles Girardot. The luncheon will be at 12 noon and the banquet at 6:30 p.m., at which time the Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne will be the guest speaker.

The entire delegation will attend the 8 o'clock Mass and receive Corporate Communion at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, which will be followed by a brunch at 10 a.m. and the final business sessions.

Reservations are to be made with Marie Cunningham, 1616 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, not later than April 15.

On Sunday afternoon, the N.C.C.W. of Fort Wayne, will entertain at a tea from 2 to 4 p.m., at St. Vincent's Villa.

Coming Events

The annual Communion breakfast of the Fort Wayne Hibernians will be held Sunday, March 16 at St. Patrick's Lyceum following the 8 o'clock Mass. Speaker will include the Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan, St. Patrick's pastor; Atty. John H. Logan and the Rev. Edmund McClellan, Maryknoll missionary.

In observance of the 36th anniversary of Twin City circle 59, Daughters of Isabella of East Chicago and Hammond, a dinner will be held Sunday March 16 at 6 p.m. The place?—Jockey Club dining room. The circle will meet next at St. Basil's church club rooms on Monday, March 17 at 8 p.m.

A special talk for Lent and a Sisters' shower will highlight the March meeting of St. Stanislaus parish Mother's guild, East Chicago. The shower takes place at 3 p.m. and the speaker will be the Rev. Julian Jercha, guild moderator.

The St. Philomena club will hold an organizational meeting Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. in Holy Angel's school hall, Gary. The club is an organization to promote social and religious activities among single men and women, widows and widowers.

The high school youths of Holy Angels' parish, Gary will have their bi-weekly gathering Sunday, March 16 from 8 to 11 p.m. in the school hall. Ping-pong, cards, and refreshments will feature the party.

The Pre-Cana instruction class for prospective brides and grooms of the Gary deanery will hold its second meeting Sunday, March 16 at 3 p.m. in the K. of C. auditorium in Gary. These instructions will also be given on the two following Sundays. All young men and women contemplating marriage are invited to attend.

On Monday, March 17, the first district, N.C.C.W. will visit the Lake County home in Crown Point to entertain the residents there. Everyone is welcome to attend. Donations of handkerchiefs and home-made cookies are needed. Contact Mrs. Henry Stimple, phone Gary 2-8134. Mrs. Stimple's address is 254 Buchanan, Gary.



GROUND BREAKING AT MICHIGAN CITY—Ground was broken March 3 at 526 South Woodland, Michigan City, in preparation for the erection of the new grade school. Bids are now being received at Queen of All Saints rectory. Shown above (left to right) are Monsignor Julian Doktor, the Rev. Joseph Till, Monsignor Michael Abraham, the Rev. Patrick Meehan, Mayor Russell Hileman, Monsignor E. H. Vurpillat (with shovel), the Rev. Bernard Shank and the Rev. Leonard Cross, pastor of Queen of All Saints.—Michigan City News-Dispatch photo.

First Since 1946

St. John Drama Club Readies Passion Play

Whiting—After six years the St. John Drama Club again brings to Whiting audiences a Passion play of unequalled dramatic stature. "The Betrayal" by Geoffrey Nevil Dowsett, O.M.I., will be staged by the Whiting thespians April 6 at the Whiting Community Center. According to the records the last passion play staged by the St. John Drama Club was "Behold the Man" in 1946.

"The Betrayal" presents a new slant on the trial and condemnation of Jesus Christ before the Jewish and Roman courts of justice in Jerusalem, A.D. 33. The courtroom scene has the flavor of a present-day trial scene complete with all the cunning and subtlety. False witnesses and therefore feeble witnesses rendered the case legally invalid. The High Priest then ap-

pealed to the Prisoner to incriminate Himself. Pontius Pilate, fearful of losing his power, weakly allowed the Jews to crucify their own Maker.

Also unique in "The Betrayal" is the portrayal of the Christus on stage. David Hein, teacher at George Rogers Clark, plays the focal role seldom featured in Passion plays. The role is a challenging one involving more dramatic action than actual speaking parts.

Irene Gregorovich directs the cast of approximately 25 speaking roles in "The Betrayal." When Miss Gregorovich directed "Behold the Man" in 1946, she worked with a cast of only 10. Besides directing Miss Gregorovich also does considerable acting on the St. John stage.

In "The Betrayal" as also in "Behold the Man" John Gazda portrays

Judas. Others who played in "Behold the Man" and will also appear in "The Betrayal" are Paul Monastyrski, Henry Moldraski, and John Miterko.

The cast of "The Betrayal" also includes Ed Gallant, Roland Menzl, Michael Martich, Charles Rice, Ed Pramuk, Sr., Ed Pramuk, Jr., Jack Mehan, Ed Repay, George Tomko, Steve Kandalec, Ray Sabol, Del Blocher, and Steve Slivka. Robert Nelson recently took the role of Lamuel, secretary to the Council. Women in the predominantly male cast are Marian Gallant, Mary Mores, Bette Furiak, and Lillian Jefchak.

Laetare Medal Recipient To Be Announced Mar. 23

Notre Dame—The 1952 recipient of the Laetare Medal, awarded annually by the University of Notre Dame to the outstanding Catholic layman in the United States, will be announced on Sunday, March 23, it was announced yesterday by the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame.

According to tradition, which dates back to 1883, the name of the 1952 Laetare Medalist will be kept in strict secrecy—even from the recipient himself—until Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. Actual presentation of the medal will be made at a time to be determined by the recipient.

The 1951 recipient of the Laetare Medal was John Henry Phelan, Beaumont, Tex., philanthropist. General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, was the recipient in 1950, while screen actress Irene Dunne received the Notre Dame medal in 1949.

The honor roll of sixty-nine Catholic laymen who have received the award to-date includes soldiers, statesmen, authors, editors, scientists, and others who have distinguished themselves by exemplary Catholic lives in their own profession. John Gilmary Shea, the historian, was the first to receive the Laetare Medal in 1883.

Among the annual winners since that time have been Frank C. Walker, former Postmaster General of the United States; poet Agnes Repplier; Chief Justice Edward D. White, of the United States Supreme Court; aeronautical pioneer Dr. Albert Zahm; and Carlton J. H. Hayes, historian and former ambassador to Spain.

Holy Angels' school hall, Gary, will be the scene of the annual St. Patrick's day card party on March 17 at 8 p.m. The affair is sponsored by the Archconfraternity of Holy Angels.

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Legion Of Mary To Hold Annual Acies Ceremony

Fort Wayne—The Fort Wayne Curia of the Legion of Mary announces that plans for the Annual Acies Ceremony is now underway. The services will be held at St. Andrew's Parish, under the direction of Monsignor Hoerstman, the pastor, on Tuesday March 25, the feast of the Annunciation.

Services open with Legion of Mary prayers, the Individual Act of Consecration, for the Active members only, and the United Consecration for all those in the church, sermon, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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Officers and potential leaders attended the third training institute conducted by Mrs. Stephan Brunansky, organization chairman, in the K. of C. building.

Enthusiasm, good disposition, organizational ability and control are some of the requisites for a leader stated Mrs. John Kovan, deanery president. "An agitated leader only wears herself out and obtains poor results, while an active, yet calm leader can guide all members toward the desired end," she said.

Mrs. Thomas Flannery, deanery parliamentarian, said "Fear of criticism keeps women from branching out, yet while criticism is never fun, it is possible to live through it." She quoted Cardinal Newman who said, "Nothing in this world would ever get done if man waited until he could do it perfectly before doing it."

Mrs. Howard Carlson, diocesan organization chairman, told those present that "the job itself will teach you and if it is for the Church, the Holy Ghost will help you." She encouraged acceptance of leadership.

Mrs. Charles Wise outlined the current ways and means project.

The session on the N.O.D.L. organization on March 19 will hear Mrs. Jesse Wilkinson.

Michigan City Deanery

Mrs. John Cunningham

The Michigan City Deanery meeting scheduled for 8:00 p. m., March 13 at St. Thomas school hall in Knox will feature election of officers.

Much enthusiasm is evidenced by the Catholic students of La-Porte High School in the religion courses directed by the Rev. Gilbert Wirtz, pastor of St. Mary's



SISTERS HOLD OPEN HOUSE IN SOUTH BEND—The Sisters of St. Joseph at St. Matthew's parish, South Bend, recently celebrated the remodeling of their convent at an open house. Shown above are the Sisters and some of their guests during the day's festivities. The Rev. Arnold Wibbert is pastor of St. Matthew's parish.—Alted photo.

Church, Kouts, at St. Joseph's school.

Classes for credit are conducted twice each week.

Despite the fact that schedule arrangements could not fit all the Catholic students from the three parishes, 89 were enrolled at the mid-term.

The young people are covering a wide course in religion and these discussions hold them with continuing interest. Father Wirtz asserts that Our Sunday Visitor articles are read and discussed. He thinks the students will stimulate family reading by their comments on articles in the home.

A fine spirit of cooperation between the Public High School authorities and the Parochial Elementary Schools is reported on the project.

St. Mary's Home and School Association made several donations at a meeting February 19, to the

March of Dimes, to Cub Pack 42, to the Girl Scouts, for the Girl Scout breakfast, and for the Communion class in May.

The executive board will meet March 11 at 1:00 p. m. with Mrs. Wm. Nunally, 1221 Wabash St., Michigan City.

On February 21 Jeanette Slosarz Griswold, concert pianist, gave the program for the Catholic Woman's study club. She explained before each number the mood and personality of the composer. A letter was read from the Rev. James Keller wherein he asked prayers for the success of the Christophers newest venture, two movies on atomic energy and government.

St. Peter's Church (La Porte) now has a nursery or cry room to be used by mothers with infants or small children so as not to disturb the people attending Mass. The room is located to the right of the sanctuary and enables mothers to see the altar and hear the priest in comfort while caring for their children.

Elsie Robinson of "The American Weekly" suggests that we send blood to Korea during Lent. She writes: "We will never miss it, and this act would be much more of a Lenten sacrifice than the abstain-

ing of some small luxury."

The lads fighting in an alien, cold country daily facing the miseries of war, would appreciate this gift of blood. What better way could you cleanse your immortal soul, and prepare for the great day which is Easter?

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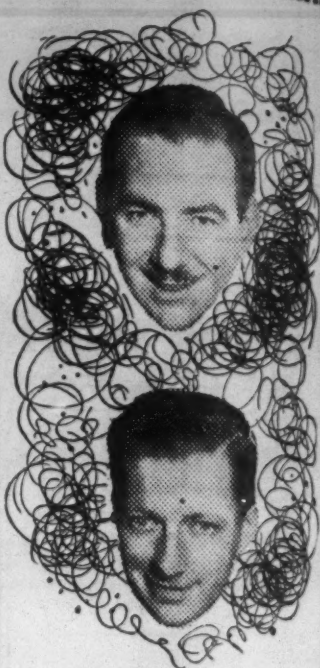
Fort Wayne—Margaret Disser, 132 West Sherwood Terrace, died Monday morning at St. Joseph's Hospital where he had been a patient for the last 10 days. She was the daughter of the late Joseph P. and Elizabeth Disser, pioneer residents of Fort Wayne.

She was educated at St. Mary's School and had resided here all her life. She was active in Catholic Charity work here. Mrs. Disser was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, its Women's Society, the Catholic Business Women's Club and the St. Ann Mission Club.

She was the sister of the late Edward J. and John Disser. Surviving are eight nieces and two nephews.

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Fort Wayne — Pat McGeehan displays the full range of his genius for narration in The Hour of St. Francis drama, "Dark is the Valley." The program will be heard at 9:45 p. m., Friday, March 14, over Radio Station WOWO.

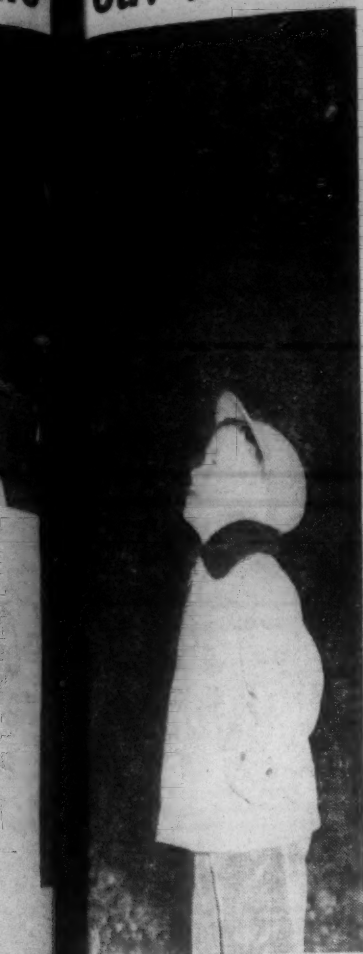
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lives of His Sorrowful Mother.
e down and was born of Mary in obedience
the Son, yet He lived under the protection of
esus, as they wanted them and yet He obeyed them
all of His life. He began to preach and teach, He
e not to be, but the will of Him Who sent Me."
e Father from eternal ruin by His death on
is God, the humiliation of becoming a child and
of His life. He suffered the sacrifice of giving up
ferred to the Cross. He suffered all this in
her to atone for the sins of pride men would
against temptations.
urn Jesus, the comforts of a warm house and
made them and on straw in a stable. He depended
all His life later in His life He would tell the
birds of the forest and the foxes had dens, but that
st His life stripped of everything. His chosen
soldiers of His Mother He gave to St. John.
everything during His life to make up
that men were using the things that He had made.
d He suffered pain. His Body was lashed by the
as no pain had not been cut and bruised. Even
He had the pain of carrying the Cross and of being
to suffer was quenched by vinegar and gall. He
suffered for men would make of their bodies.
ry? Can you imagine the pain that filled Her heart
that was to Her Son? It grieved Her sorely
d by the pain He had made and had come to redeem.
the sufferings. Because he loves Him, he promises
steps. He relinquishes his own will. Like Christ
obedience, he places himself in the hands of su-
to do what He bids. Like Christ a Crosier gives up
the good world. And like Christ he suffers the
pleasures.
Mary, His Mother. Because he loves Her he
e to share the sufferings of Christ. With Mary
He sorrows with Her at the offenses
on, and He shares the sacrifices of all that is near and
ing a life of obedience, poverty and chastity.
of the Crosier and Brother. It is a life of atonement
a life of companionship with Christ.

A Letter To All Boys

Dear Bud,

Yesterday morning I was or-
dained a priest. My hands were
anointed with the holy oil, the
bishop laid his hands upon my
head. "Tu es sacerdos in aeter-
num." I am a priest forever.

This morning in another hour,
I will walk down the aisle of our
parish church, filled with my
friends and my family—people I
have known all my life. I will go
to the altar and I will offer God
to God.

As I stand now at the threshold
of my priesthood, the Canticle of
Mary, the Magnificat, keeps echo-
ing through my brain: "He has
looked upon the lowliness of His
servant; He who is mighty has
done great things to me."

Great things! I had always
wanted to do great things. I re-
member how my Dad laughed so
many years ago when I told him
I wanted to be the greatest fire-
man in the world. Later I wanted
to pilot a P-38 and become a great
flyer—remember?

One time when the bishop came
to our church, I asked the pastor
what the words meant which the
choir had sung as the bishop came
into the church. He told me it was
the "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus"—Be-
hold a Great Priest. It was then
that I began to think about be-
coming a priest—a great priest.

Since then I've come to learn
that every priest is great. How
truly I can say with Mary, "He
has done great things to me."
Think, Bud, what it means to be
a priest.

The priest stands at the head of
the army of people. He is their
spiritual leader, their spiritual
doctor, their teacher, their friend.
Every morning of my life as a
priest, I will stand at an altar and
by my own words bring Jesus
Christ into the world again. Isn't
that the greatest thing that can
happen? I will hold Jesus Christ
in my hands in 1952—the same
Jesus that Mary held when He
was taken down from His Cross!

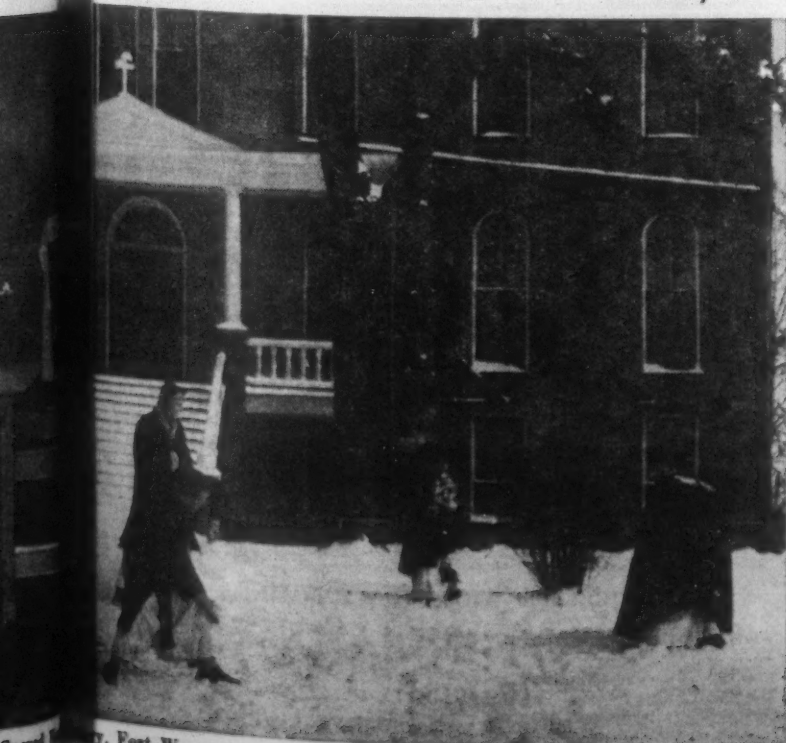
I will offer Christ to the Father
—for the people—for Mrs.
Clark's little girl who is so ill, for
old Joe Connors who died last
night, for the people in Church,
for Catholics all over the world—
and for you, Bud. What greater
thing can a man do?

On Saturdays, I will sit in my
confessional. As I raise my hand
to absolve, I know that Christ is
absolving that boy on the other
side of the screen. . . Christ ab-
solving now just as truly as He
did when He said to the penitent
woman in the Gospel, "Thy sins
are forgiven thee."

On Sunday, I will stand in the
pulpit and preach the love of God
to His people. I will witness their
marriages. I will be with His
people at birth with Baptism and
I will bring ease to their last
moments with Extreme Unction
and with Christ in Viaticum.

What it all boils down to, Bud,

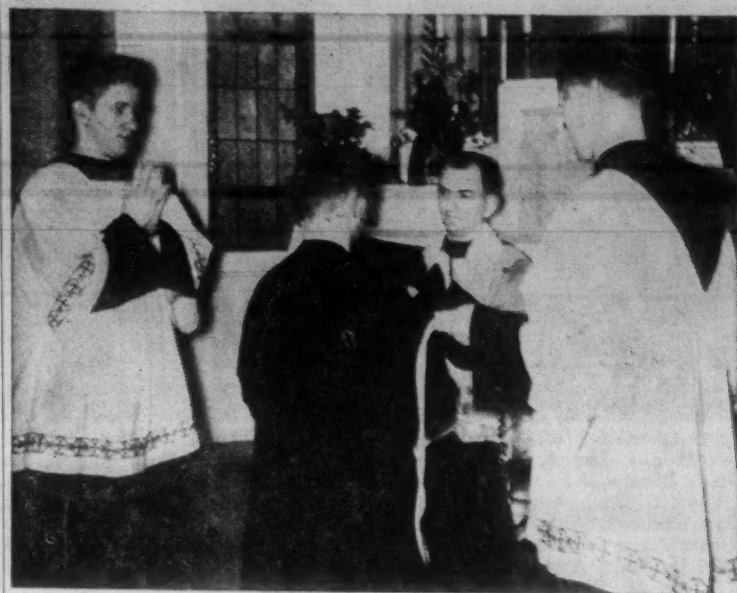
At Play



Most Important Phase In Training For Priesthood Is The Novitiate

The most important phase in the training of a young man for the Franciscan priest-
hood is his year of novitiate. For a year and a day the novice undergoes a rigorous training
in the Franciscan way of life. Clothed in the Franciscan habit, he lives the life that will be
his when he has taken the three vows in religious profession.

The year of novitiate is primarily one of intense spiritual training. Under the capable
direction of a well-chosen novice master and his assistant, the Franciscan novice is initiated



Investing the Novice With The Habit

is this—the priest is another
Christ. You've heard that before,
haven't you? It's true, too. The
priest is doing now what Christ
did then—leading people to Heav-
en. He is another Christ—and
Christ is God. What could be
greater?

So often I've wondered during
the years in the seminary, "Why
am I going to be a priest; what
has singled me out for this great
life?" True, it was the greatest
thing I knew and I always wanted
to be great. But I knew that if I
would become a priest—a great
priest—that the greatness would
not come from me.

After all, was I ever any differ-
ent from the rest of our crowd?
Didn't I sneak smokes with you
after school behind Barrett's
store? Didn't we swipe apples
from old man Graham's orchard?
And did you ever try to count the
windows we broke?

It was the same as we grew
older, too. There was nothing
special about me to label me "se-
minary material." I wanted to do
great things—make something
really big out of my life—that
was all. And a priest is the great-
est thing a man can be, it seemed
to me.

So I talked it over with the
folks and they liked the idea; my
pastor said O.K. I made applica-
tion at the seminary and first
thing you know, there I was—a
seminarian!

But in those years of prayer,
and study—and fun too—I
learned how much greater the
priesthood is than I had thought.
So much greater, in fact, that I
would have thrown in the towel
if I knew the greatness had to
come from me. But it didn't and it
doesn't.

"He has looked on the lowliness
of His servant; He has done great
things to me." It is a divine work
—this priesthood—and the best
of us are unworthy. All that we
do in the seminary is to try to
make ourselves less unworthy of
the great things that God will do
to His servants at ordination—in
spite of their lowliness.

St. Paul says: "By the grace of
God, I am what I am!" His words
seem best to express the truth
about myself. By the grace of God,
I am what I am—a priest!

Your friend in Christ,
Father Tom

Purpose Of Novitiate

There is perhaps no greater
thrill in the life of a Friar than
that moment he first felt the
white cord gird him in the folds
of the Franciscan habit. His
imagination was, no doubt, stirred
by a similar picture of the young
Francis, the rich merchant's son,
stripping himself of fashionable
clothes to show his utter con-
tempt for the riches of the world.

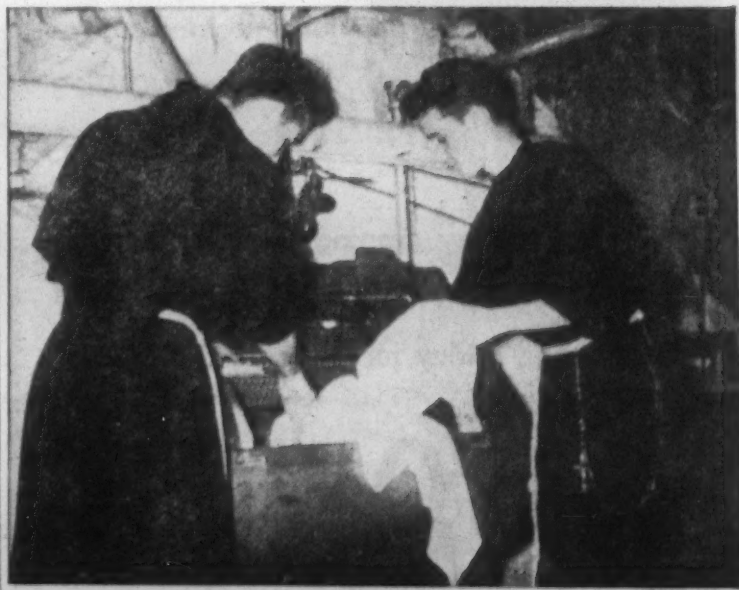
Daily Schedule At St. Anthony's

This is the schedule of the novice
at St. Anthony's Novitiate:

5:35 a.m. — Rise
6:00 a.m. — Communion Mass
6:45 a.m. — Breakfast, house-
work
7:35 a.m. — Prime and Terce
8 a.m. — Conventual Mass
9:55 a.m. — Recreation
10:10 a.m. — Class
11:00 a.m. — Spiritual reading
11:30 a.m. — Meditation
12:00 noon — Dinner, recreation
1:30 p.m. — Vespers and Com-
pline
2:10 p.m. — Class
3:00 p.m. — Work or recreation
4:30 p.m. — Preparation for
Office
4:45 p.m. — Matins and Lauds
6:00 p.m. — Supper, recreation
7:30 p.m. — Study
9:00 p.m. — Night Prayers
10:00 p.m. — Lights out
On Saturdays, housecleaning is
done from 9 to 11 a.m. and from
2 to 4:15 p.m. After supper, re-
creation is held until 9 p.m. with
lights out at 10:15.

"Where there is the peace and
the memory of God, there is no
unrest nor roaming."—St. Fran-
ciscus.

At Angola, a Novice barber—
in more ways than one—tries his
hand (at right), while two other
Novices (below) attend to Blue
Monday.



St. Anthony's Novitiate, Angola

March 16, 1952

Fort Wayne Edition

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

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Three Religious Orders—Holy Cross, Crosiers, Who You

Members Of Congregation Of Holy Cross Start Careers At Notre Dame

Crosier Novitiate, Study House Now At Sacred Heart

Holy Cross Seminary on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, a mile north of South Bend, is the preparatory school for candidates for the religious priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross, the community that administers Notre Dame and many other schools, missions and parishes in the United States and abroad.

Candidates are accepted anytime after graduation from eighth grade. Young men in high school and college as well as college graduates are welcome even though they have had little or no Latin.

No qualified candidate is ever denied admission because of a lack of funds—the sum of \$40 per month for board, room and tuition is asked during the high school years or during the first college year if a young man enters after graduation from high school, but of this amount candidates are expected to contribute only what they honestly feel they can afford. If that is nothing at all, they are still very welcome.

After the time spent in Holy Cross Seminary there is a year of intensive spiritual preparation in Sacred Heart Novitiate, South Bend, followed by the completion of the candidate's university education at Notre Dame.

While most of the seminarians are then sent to Holy Cross College, Catholic University, Washington, D. C., for theology, a few are sent to Rome. After ordination at Notre Dame many of the young priests continue their studies for advanced degrees at Universities at home and abroad.

The course of studies in Holy Cross Seminary is the same as in any other Seminary and very much the same as the college preparatory course in a Catholic High School. Emphasis is on Religion, Latin, English, other languages, Sciences, Mathematics, History and Social Studies. For college men and college graduates in addition to the subjects mentioned, a thorough course in Philosophy, Church History and Theology is provided.

September 1951 marked the beginning of a unique program for the priestly training of all college and post-college candidates at



Archbishop Graner Visits Seminarians

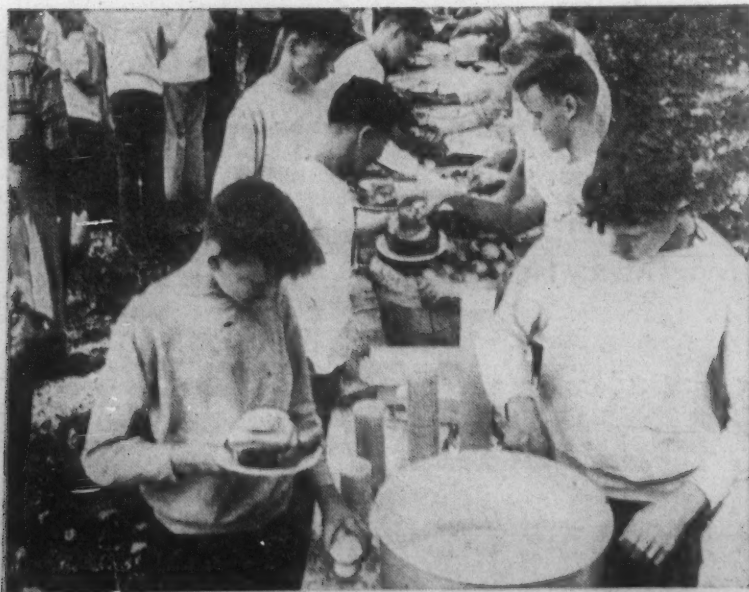
Notre Dame. Now housed in a branch of Holy Cross Seminary, "Old College" (at 110 years, the oldest building on the campus), such young men live, study, and recreate much as do the ordinary students but they follow a schedule of classes and spiritual exercises designed to prepare them for early entry into the Novitiate. At present there are 21 seminarians enrolled in this program, including a dozen ex-G.I.'s. The oldest is 35 and the youngest 17. Several are converts.

For all seminarians, both in high school and in college, there is a well-balanced program of prayer, study, work and play, starting with Meditation and Mass in the morning and ending with night prayer and retiring in the evening.

In between, the students are in class or study or are engaged in some form of work or recreation, sports in season, lectures and concerts and athletic contests at the University of Notre Dame.

Work consists of taking care of the house, grounds and garden—even trapping muskrats in Notre Dame's two lakes. The proceeds of this venture are sent to the Holy Cross missionaries in Bengal.

Personal attention (at left) is given to each seminarian's problems. Likewise, personal attention is given each seminarian's stomach (below).



Holy Cross Seminary, Notre Dame

The Meaning Of 'C.S.C.'

Many who know Notre Dame do not know the roots of the Notre Dame story, a history of men of faith and their struggle to hew a school for Our Lady out of the Indiana wilderness of a century ago.

The Congregation of Holy Cross was founded in France in 1837 by Father Basil Anthony Moreau, a young priest inspired by a great love of God and souls, and determined to repair the damage done in his native land by the godlessness of the French Revolution. France, however, was not large enough to contain his zeal. Soon his priests, Brothers and Sisters were teaching and preaching in Africa, India, the United States, Canada, Poland and Italy. Today there are Holy Cross houses also in England, Haiti, Brazil and Chile—and more in the planning stage for other countries.

One of the first foundations—November, 1842—was in northern Indiana near South Bend where Father Edward Sorin, C.S.C., and seven Holy Cross Brothers came to begin Our Lady's school. In the early years of bitter struggle against cold, poverty, hunger, disease, and untold setbacks they were aided by friends. But the priests, Brothers and Sisters were strengthened by an unswerving love of God and His Blessed Mother to whom they had dedicated their mission and all their labors.

Besides Notre Dame, the Congregation administers the University of Portland in Oregon; King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Stonehill College, North Easton, Mass.; St. George's College, Santiago, Chile; and St. Gregory's College in Bengal, Pakistan.

The teaching Brothers of Holy Cross, almost all graduates of Notre Dame, maintain more than a dozen high schools and academies across the country from Massachusetts to California, from Chicago to New Orleans. Theirs, too, is St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas.

At Notre Dame and across the world the religious of Holy Cross are bound together by the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, by their common rule and spiritual exercises and by the ideal of their religious family signified in its motto "Our One Hope, the Holy Cross."

Together with the loyal devotion of the lay faculty, the student body, alumni and friends, the dedicated lives of the priests, Brothers and

The preparatory seminary for the Fort Wayne diocese, which is conducted by the Crosier Fathers, was located at Sacred Heart seminary on the old Auburn Road in Fort Wayne from 1938 until 1948. In that year, Bishop Noll founded the diocesan preparatory seminary at Wawasee. The Crosier Fathers also conduct this house.

In the autumn of 1948, Sacred Heart became the house of Philosophy for the scholastics of the Order and the novitiate for Lay Brothers. The seminary is also the headquarters of the Crosiers' American Vicariate. The Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Brandon, O.S.C., V.G. is Vicar General.

The Crosier Vocation club has its headquarters at Sacred Heart, and the vocation director's residence is here. The function of the club is to carry on correspondence with inquirers and to supply vocational literature.

Priests

Eleven priests are conventuals of Sacred Heart seminary, seven of whom are resident. The latter group includes the Rector, Spiritual Director of the scholastics, the Novice Master of Brothers and his assistant, and the professors of Philosophy, Church History, Liturgy and Gregorian Chant. Non-resident priests are engaged in parish and mission work.

Scholastics

There are now 13 clerics studying Philosophy. Scholastic life consists mostly of the recitation of the Divine Office in Choir, classes and study. Classes are held six mornings a week. Afternoons and evenings, with the exception of times of prayer and recreation, are given to study. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons are spent in work or recreation, preferably out-of-doors.

Brothers

At present, there are 22 Brothers at Sacred Heart. Four of these are professed members, nine are novices, and nine are postulants. The Brothers do all the work connected with the farm, as well as general maintenance work in the monastery proper, such as cooking, janitor work, laundry, mending, etc. In addition, there are Brothers engaged in the carpenter shop, bindery, print shop, tailor shop, and office. The Brothers also help in the sacristy and in the chapel. Many of them make Rosaries.

Recreation

Several forms of recreation are popular at Sacred Heart. Among the favorite indoor sports or pastimes are ping-pong, pool, phonograph, singing, cards, chess and checkers. Favorite outdoor recreations are ice skating, cycling, hiking, softball, tennis, volley ball, croquet and basketball.

Sisters must rank over the years among the chief blessings of the University of Notre Dame, Alma Mater.

At Prayer



Leslie Breaks N.D. Records As Irish Close Net Season

Notre Dame — Handicapped by losses due to ineligibilities and injuries, the Notre Dame basketball team finished the season on a somewhat exciting note, with three one-point decisions, two of which they won, and an over-all respectable record of 16 wins against 10 losses. The Irish defeated New York University, 75-74 in an overtime, lost to Pennsylvania, 67-66, and beat DePaul, 78-77.

It was the freshman campaign of Coach Johnny Jordan, himself a former Irish captain, and he can look to the future with the thought that only one man from the squad will depart via graduation — Leroy Leslie.

Leslie, Johnstown, Pa. senior forward waited until the final game against DePaul for his greatest night. Already possessing the Notre Dame three-year scoring record, Leslie needed 24 points to break the one year record of Kevin O'Shea, set in 1949-50. He not only attained this goal, but also went on to tally a total of 32 points and break the one-game mark of 31 points, held jointly by Dan Bagley (set against St. Louis, 1951) and Vince Boryla (set against Detroit, 1945). He also tied the field goal record of Bagley and Boryla for a single game with 13 baskets.

As a result of being in the open-

ing lineup against DePaul, Leslie set another record, that of starting more games than any other Notre Dame player in a three-year period, 73. The former record of 72 was held by Leo Barnhorst.



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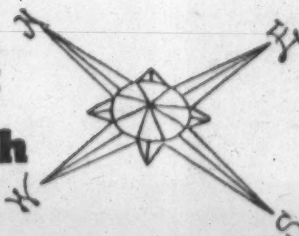
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ATHLETES HONORED AT GARY BANQUET—Athletes of St. Mary of the Lake school, Gary, were honored guests at a Father-Son banquet at which William Connor (second from right), head coach at St. Mary's high school, Michigan City, was principal speaker. With him are (left to right) Edmond Lessard, coach at St. Mary of the Lake; Daniel McNally, James Harrington, Gerald Stephan, Richard Vaughan, John Kelly and Richard Meister, award winners, and the Rev. Lawrence Grothouse, C.Y.O. director.

Sports Roundup

C.Y.O. Net Tournament In South Bend March 16

Pairings were announced this week for the annual Diocesan C.Y.O. grade school basketball tournament to be held in the Armory at South Bend, Sunday, March 16.

In the first game at 2 p.m., St. Stephen of South Bend will meet St. Casimir of Hammond. At 3 p.m., St. Hedwig of Gary will take to the court against St. Stanislaus of Michigan City.

The loser of both games will meet in the consolation tilt at 7 p.m. with the championship match scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

The Rev. Joseph J. Hennes, diocesan C.Y.O. director and pastor of St. Monica's parish, Mishawaka, will present the Bishop Noll trophy to the winner following the game.

St. Stephen Cops CYO Crown In South Bend

St. Stephen of South Bend became the champion of the Inter-City C.Y.O. grade school basketball league recently by finishing its 11-game schedule undefeated. St. Stephen walloped St. Casimir 43-24 in their final game.

Holy Cross and St. Monica, tied for second place with records of nine victories and two losses. Each tripped their final foes, Holy Cross defeating St. Joseph of Mishawaka 40-24, and St. Monica getting by St. Adalbert 31-18.

In other final games, St. Patrick smashed St. Bavo 33-8; Our Lady of Hungary downed St. Matthew 29-13, and St. Vincent of Elkhart toppled St. Joseph 29-20.

Final League standings:

	W	L
St. Stephen	11	0
St. Monica	9	2
Holy Cross	9	2
St. Vincent	8	3
St. Patrick	8	3
St. Bavo	7	4
St. Casimir	6	5
St. Adalbert	4	7
Our Lady of Hungary	3	8
St. Joseph	2	9
St. Joseph (Mishawaka)	1	10
St. Matthew	1	10

Stu Holcomb Speaker At Noll Athlete Fete

Athletes of Bishop Noll high school, Hammond, are to be honored on Tuesday evening, March 18, when the Mothers' and Men's Clubs will hold their annual banquet in the school gymnasium.

The principle speaker will be Stu Holcomb, head coach at Purdue University.

Tickets are on sale at the NIPSCO Stationery store in Hammond, the Whiting News Agency and the Gary Knights of Columbus Hotel desk.

East Chicago sales are being handled by Mr. Jack Susik, telephone E.C.4756M.

Coming Events

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The first semi-public meeting of the Gary A.C.T.U. will take place Thursday, March 20 at 8 p. m. in the Knights of Columbus first floor lounge. Primary purpose of the gathering is to give Catholic workers of the deanery a factual knowledge of the real purpose and function of the A.C.T.U.

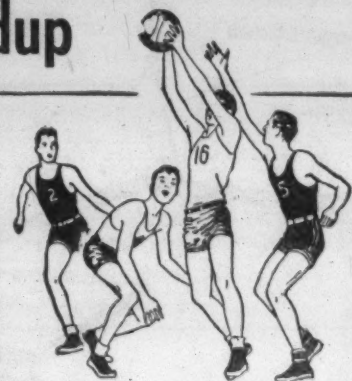
On Monday Night, March 17, the Hibernians of Fort Wayne will hold their annual St. Patrick's day dance at the Hotel Van Orman ballroom. The Central Catholic high school glee club will open the program at 8:30 p. m. and dancing will begin at 9 p. m., continuing until 12:30 a. m. Music will be by Jerry Stier and his band.

The St. Elizabeth society of Assumption church, East Chicago, will hold a corporate Communion on Sunday, March 16. The society will also give a social party on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. to which the public is invited.

In Gary again, the St. Hedwig's P.T.A. announced their annual pantry shower for the Franciscan Sisters of the parish Sunday, March 16 at 2:30 p.m. following the Lenten services.

There will be a deanery meeting of the N.C.C.W. at St. Mark's, Gary on March 18. Benediction will be at 1 p.m. Election of officers will take place at the meeting, so parish presidents must be present or send an alternate. All priests of the deanery are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Oblate Fathers will conduct a one-week Mission at Blessed Sacrament church, Gary starting March 16.



Fort Wayne Youth Named ND Manager

Notre Dame — Robert Millenbach, Grosse Point, Mich., junior, was named head football manager for the 1952 season. The announcement on Millenbach was made by Athletic Director Edward W. Krause.

Associate managers in football will be John Stoeller, Glenview, Ill., and Emory Dakoske, Grosse Point Park, Mich. Among other managerial appointments named by Krause for the school year, 1952-53 was Philip Clemens, Fort Wayne, track.

Fort Wayne C.Y.O.

Girls' Dodgeball

St. Mary 16, St. Peter 15
Cathedral 9, St. Vincent 2
St. Patrick 15, St. John 0
St. John (New Haven) 8, St. Hyacinth 1
St. Joseph 5, St. Paul 4
Precious Blood 7, St. Jude 3

Fort Wayne C.Y.O.

Grade School Basketball

St. Vincent 32, St. Hyacinth 10
St. Jude 25, St. Patrick 8
Precious Blood 42, St. Mary 14
Garrett 22, St. John (New Haven) 18
St. Paul 26, St. Andrew 16
Cathedral 23, St. Joseph 22
St. Peter 36, St. John 14



TOP STUDENTS AT HAMMOND NOLL — Joan Cech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cech, Whiting, and James Fisko, son of Mrs. Mary Fisko, Hammond, are the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of Bishop Noll high school, Hammond. Miss Cech is a member of St. John Baptist parish, Whiting, and Fisko is a member of St. Joseph's parish in Hammond. Both students belong to the National Honor Society of Noll and are very active in all school functions. Commencement is June 8, 1952.

St. Francis College Board Of Directors



The newly reorganized board of directors of St. Francis College held its first meeting last week with members of the college faculty.

Pictured left to right: front row—Thomas A. McKiernan; Sr. Eo-

dine, president of the college; the Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne; Harry Hogan. Back row, left to right, are Richard Nill; Donnelly P. McDonald, Sr.; Clem J. Steigmeyer; Sr. M. Clara Ann, college treasurer; Sr. M. Rosanna, dean; Leo C. Mascotte; Clifford B. Ward; Henry

Hasley. The Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, and two out-of-town members of the board were not present for the picture.

The purpose of the board is to advance the welfare of St. Francis College, including keeping the college in touch with social trends;

provide financial help and advice; establish and foster good public relations for the college; represent the college according to instructions before national, state and local legislative groups; advise and make recommendations to the college's board of trustees. — Fort Wayne News-Sentinel photo.

Named In Will

Fort Wayne—The Very Rev. Msgr. John A. Bapst, pastor of St. Peter's Church, was named one of the beneficiaries in the will and estate of Henry J. Hahn, who died March 2. The will was admitted to probate in Superior Court No. 2 last week.

Equip Health Room

Valparaiso—The Catholic Women's Club of St. Paul's Church recently furnished the equipment for the health room in the school and donated a Bible to the library of Porter Memorial Hospital.

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College And School News

Representatives from every phase of overseas marketing will participate in the fifth annual World Trade Conference to be held May 15 in the College of Commerce at the University of Notre Dame.

Finance, traffic, advertising and management problems will be stressed specifically in a series of talks during the morning session by experts in those fields. In the afternoon, a panel discussion will be held on the same topics.

Nationally-prominent authorities on international trade will speak at a luncheon meeting and at a dinner that evening. More than 100 business men are expected to attend the all-day session.

World Trade Conference At N.D.; Bishop Pursley Talks At St. Francis

Mildred Dilling, foremost woman harpist, presented a harp recital at St. Mary's college. She is a native Hoosier, having been born in Marion, Ind., and twice her home town has celebrated Mildred Dilling day to honor her musical achievements. Miss Dilling also lists among her distinctions that she is the teacher of Harpo Marx, the harp-playing Marx brother.

Harp studies for Miss Dilling began in the United States and later were continued in France with Henriette Renie. Making her European debut in Paris, Miss Dilling was immediately engaged for performances in the leading concert halls on the continent.

The Most Rev. Bishop Leo A. Pursley, Auxiliary Bishop of Fort Wayne spoke at St. Francis College Thursday in the regular Convocation. Bishop Pursley spoke on the subject "How Catholic Can We Get?"

Dr. Selman A. Waksman, chairman of the Department of Microbiology at Rutgers University and the discoverer of Streptomycin and other antibiotics, will deliver the 1952 Julius A. Nieuwland memorial lectures in botany March 31, April 1 and 2 at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Waksman has chosen "Actinomycetes and Their Antibiotics" as a general topic for his lectures at Notre Dame.

Olive Berry, college fashion advisor for a New York pattern company, presented a spring fashion show at St. Mary's college. Miss Berry who has styled a practical wardrobe for the college girl on and off campus, is presenting fashion shows throughout the United States and Canada.

Shirley Sanborn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Sanborn, Fort Wayne, has been initiated into Alpha Omicron Pi, social sorority, at Indiana University. Miss Sanborn, a junior at I.U. and a major in elementary education, is a graduate of Central Catholic High School.

The Rev. Stanley J. Kussman, S.M., professor of philosophy at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Tex., is the spiritual moderator at the annual retreat for Bishop Noll High School students. The retreat is from March 10 to March 14.

Audrey Thiel, a senior at Noll, gave her comments on the 4-H girls

in accordance with National 4-H Week. She spoke over WJOB.

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Marriage: A Great And Holy Vocation

It Elevates Man And Woman To Lofty Dignity ; Makes Them Co-Workers With God In Creation

REV. JOHN A. O'BRIEN

TO most people a vocation seems to mean a call to the religious life. That indeed is a vocation, and a sacred one, but it is not the only one. Marriage, too, is a vocation, and a high and holy one. Too frequently marriage has been treated as a purely secular enterprise, stripped of its religious and divine character.

In an address to the superiors of various religious orders and communities, His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, requested them in their work of recruiting vocations to the religious life not to do so by belittling the dignity or the holiness of the married state. That state is ordained by God, as the Holy Father pointed out, and we must keep its divine character ever before the minds of those who aspire to it.

In accordance with the expressed mind of the Supreme Pontiff we propose to set forth the sacred and divine character of the vocation of marriage so that all who enter this holy state will understand the high mission to which God has called them. They will thus be prompted to enter this state as in a spirit of dedication, determined faithfully to fulfill the duties of the family life, upon which depend both the temporal welfare of society and the eternal welfare of immortal souls. We address our words not only to youth looking forward to marriage, but also to par-

ents, teachers and all concerned with the direction of youth.

Vocation Of Majority

It is the married state to which God summons the overwhelming majority of mankind: they are charged with a mission of supreme importance—the conservation of the human race.

For entrance into the priesthood Christ instituted the sacrament of Holy Orders. For entrance into the family life He instituted the sacrament of matrimony. That, too, as Saint Paul tells us, is "a great sacrament." It elevates a man and woman to a lofty dignity and makes them God's co-workers in the propagation of the race.

Love, courtship and marriage are so often treated in a spirit of levity that it is worthwhile to point out that they are part of a divine plan. This is disclosed with simply beauty in Genesis. Almighty God has created man and given to him dominion over all living things.

Sovereign of Paradise that Adam was, richer than any man in material wealth and in the chaste

beauty of nature's virgin landscape, there still remained, in spite of it all, a void and emptiness that rested like a sombre pall upon his lonely heart. Then out of the heavens the voice of Almighty God is heard: "It is not good for man to be alone: let us make him a helpmate like unto himself."

When Adam gazes upon the face of Eve, his eyes behold a new beauty and a loveliness which nothing in all the vast pageantry of nature can duplicate or rival. The emptiness in his heart vanishes: in its place he feels a new and a strange emotion stirring within him. Life takes on a new meaning, a fresh significance.

God's Plan For You

Moved by a divine impulse, he plights his deathless troth to Eve. There under the white canopy of the virginal sky, in the morning of life, in the presence of the priesthood of nature, Adam seals his vow with the first kiss of love. With prophetic vision into the unwritten future, Adam inspired by God, proclaims the law for all his progeny: "Wherefore a man shall leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be two in one flesh."

It is the great mystery of human love which

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Our Weekly Chat With You

Dear Readers...

In our last meditation we tried to arrive at the great value of the human soul from utterances of Holy Scripture. But we can arrive at the same conclusion by even more impressive proof, which, while referred to in Holy Scripture, is also historical.

For instance, on Christmas Day, we observe, as a glorious feast, the Incarnation of the Son of God Who, as we read in the Nicene Creed, was as much God as God the Father and lived in Heaven "before all ages." God was so disappointed at the disloyalty of our first parents because they involved the entire human race in their guilt, that He closed Heaven against all of us. God the Son, Who would have been just as happy in Heaven whether a single human soul entered it or not, valued the soul of man so highly that He volunteered to come down from Heaven to earth to assume the nature of man, to live among men for 33 years, to endure poverty, hunger, suffering, persecution for its re-conquest.

For three years, besides instructing the people generally, He brought into His "school of instruction" 12 men who were to learn from Him the incalculable value of every man's soul and would be ordered to go out and preach that doctrine "to every creature." But before they were sent out on this mission, He permitted Himself to be executed cruelly and painfully on the cross of Calvary, as if He had not done enough to teach man the importance of his soul's salvation, and to throw Heaven's gates open once more to the human race.

On the eve of that passion and death, to which we usually refer

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God Really Wants To Bless Your Marriage

ONE of the most beautiful scenes recorded in the New Testament is the appearance of Jesus and Mary at the marriage of Cana. The significance of their appearance at this wedding was immensely impressive. Cana is only a short distance from Nazareth, where Christ had lived with Mary and Joseph from the time of His return from Egypt, following the death of Herod.

That scene is repeated frequently in every parish church. Jesus wants to be present at marriage.

He will bless it if you are worthy.

He wants you to regard marriage as something holy.

In accepting the invitation to the Cana wedding Christ wished to impress on all people for all time the fact that God wants to be invited to every wedding in order to bless it.

This is why He elevated marriage, according to St. Paul (Eph. V, 32), to the rank of a Sacrament which, for Christians, would not be dissociated from the contract it-

self. As a Sacrament it would confer special blessings and graces on the wedded pair, so that, throughout a long career, they might be truly happy, and in that state of life, and through the fulfillment of its duties, attain a high place in Heaven.

You have often heard it said that "Marriages are made in Heaven." Cana's was, and everyone should want his or hers to be. They are "arranged" there for those who make themselves worthy by having regard for the interests of God, and who will pray for His assistance in the selection of a partner. But numerous are the marriages arranged by God's arch-enemy, who realizes that a bad marriage usually means a big victory for him. Its evil effects may endure for generations.

The devil realizes that a marriage is likely to result badly if he can assist a young man or woman in the selection of a partner. He knows he will have little interfer-

ence, according to a declaration of Almighty God Himself, if, in preparing for marriage, youth will "shut God out of its life"; if youth will associate with people who have neither faith nor morality; if youth "will not live according to the spirit, but according to the flesh."

Every pastor has seen unhappiness come to many who, against their own better judgment, yielded to the stronger will of another.

Even if Heaven were not interested in your future welfare on earth, you yourself should be; and your temporal welfare will depend largely on the kind of marriage you will contract. Our country is full of broken homes, of mismatched married couples, and, therefore, of marriage failures. In fact, never before was marriage such a risk, and this should lead young people to use their heads even more than their hearts, and to rely on their faith more than on their inclinations, in choosing a sweetheart.

Those Whom You Should Not Marry

GENERALLY speaking youth should not begin keeping company with one whose family record is bad. Vice is often inherited, and good character is usually not formed in a home where good moral influence is lacking.

A young woman should not fraternize with one who has no ambition, whose rendezvous is the saloon or the poolroom or the gambling hall. The young man should not court girls whose tastes are extravagant, whom he, therefore, would not likely be able to support and please. The young woman should not go out with a young man who lives beyond his means, who does not pay his debts, who spends too much money even on her.

It is important that young people should try to learn the character and disposition of others by observing their attitude towards their parents, towards their brothers and sisters.

Since human nature does not change through marriage, every young married woman must expect her husband to treat her much as he treats his sisters and mother.

Every young man can be sure that the girl's attitude towards her brothers and father will later be her attitude toward him.

Should you—a young man—have a good position, or have well-to-do parents, satisfy yourself during courtship that the girl thinks more of you than of your money. What her motive is will be easy to discover. If she expects you to purchase expensive gifts for her, then she evidently thinks more of such gifts than of you. After marriage she might turn you down and sue for most of your income by way of alimony.

The girl should not marry a young man who is selfish, who is spoiled by his parents, who has no ambition and lacks the moral courage to try to make anything of himself.

Do not think of marrying one who does not regard marriage as a very sacred state of life, who would prefer to be a society belle than a mother.

Do not contract a marriage before knowing the background of the girl whom you court, before knowing her parents, her ideals, her tastes, her willingness to cooperate with you, both in a spiritual and a material way.

Do not think of marrying a boy primarily for the purpose of reforming him. If he has been addict-

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Noted Speakers, Unique Passion Play To Appear In Diocese During Week

Included in the list of notable events in the Fort Wayne diocese this week are speakers such as a Professor of Dogmatic Theology from Catholic University, Washington, D.C.; the founder of the Liturgical movement in this country, and a Maryknoll missionary from Guatemala. In addition to this, a world-famous passion play with marionettes will be shown at the second annual forum of the Hammond deanery N.C.C.W.

Catholic Evidence Lecture

On Sunday, March 16, the Rev. Eugene M. Burke, S.T.D., professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Catholic University of America will speak on "Catholicism and Modern Political Thoughts."



Rev. Eugene M. Burke, S.T.D.

Father Burke will bring a most timely message on a most timely subject. He is chairman of the Religion Department, Trinity college and vice chairman, Catholic Commission for intellectual and cultural activities. In 1948 he received the Cardinal Spellman Award for theology. He is Associate Editor, American Ecclesiastical Review, and has been lecturer at noted universities including Notre Dame and John Hopkins. California born, he joined the Paulists in 1931, where he was ordained in 1938 and received the degree of S.T.D. in 1941.

Unique Passion Play

As a finale to the second annual forum sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women, Hammond deanery, the Stevens presentation of the Passion play, will be a dramatic sermon never to be forgotten.

The performance is two hours long, in eight lavish scenes recounting "The Passion" from the Last Supper to the Ascension. The Stevens presentation of the Passion Play is said to be the only one in the world being presented through the medium of marionettes.



Olga and Martin Stevens

The Stevens' have been presenting it annually since 1934, though at first they encountered some feeling of alarm at the thought of so sacred a theme being at-

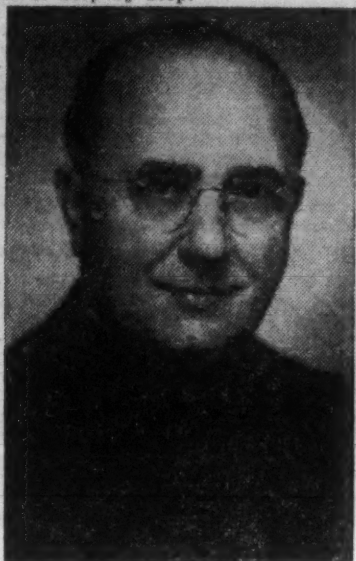
tempted by "puppets." Marionettes received their name from the Middle Ages, when small images of the Virgin Mary were animated to perform in the miracle plays. Because of the impersonal quality of the marionette, the Stevens' believe it to be so much the better for interpreting this subject than the human actor, of whose shortcomings we are all too conscious.

This program will be staged at Memorial Auditorium, East Chicago, on Sunday, March 16, at 2:30 p.m. It is open to the public.

To Dramatize Mass

A High Mass will be dramatized at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, March 16, in the South Bend Progress Club when the Right Reverend Martin B. Hellriegel, of St. Louis, gives the third Aquinas lecture in the lent series.

While a priest moves through the various parts of the ceremony at an improvised altar, Monsignor Hellriegel will explain the High Mass step by step.



Msgr. M. B. Hellriegel

Monsignor Hellriegel is founder of the Liturgical Movement in this country and is now president of the Liturgical Conference of America. He has written pamphlets on the liturgy of the Catholic Church and is the author of two books, "Vines and Branches" and "The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

Recordings of Monsignor Hellriegel's liturgical boys' choir will be played as part of the program.

Shows Mission Movie

The Rev. J. Edmund McClear, a Maryknoll missionary, will present a movie on missionary work in remote parts of Guatemala at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Central Catholic high school.



Rev. J. Edmund McClear

Father McClear, who served in Guatemala five years, has been back in the United States about a year and is now at home at Royal Oak, Mich. He will return to Guatemala around May 1.

The public has been invited to view the movie which will stress missionary work in inaccessible parts of Guatemala. The movie will emphasize work in Saloma, a sleepy, little mountain town, which has some 40,000 Indians dwelling in its environs. This is where Father McClear was stationed for five years.

The Maryknoll missionary is a friend of Carl Schwieters, who is

Pope Confident Catholics Will Give To Relief

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soul, the cause of these straitened victims of the social disorder caused by the war, who are sustained in hope by their trust in the continuing charity of their fellow-men.

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making arrangements for the movie. Father McClear and Schwieters met in Guatemala in 1948.

Brethren, in various parts of the world. Buoyed up by such confidence, We cordially impart to you, Venerable Brethren, and to the clergy, religious and faithful, who so nobly co-operate with you in making such aid available, Our paternal Apostolic Blessing."

Jerome J. O'Dowd On Board Of Elections

Fort Wayne—Attorney Jerome J. O'Dowd has been appointed Democratic member of the Allen County Board of Election Commissioners.

Mr. O'Dowd, a graduate of Central Catholic High School, received his legal training at the University of Notre Dame. Admitted to the bar in 1942, he has practiced law here since 1946, when he returned to the city after serving with the Navy during World War II.

He is associated with Attorney Louis F. Neizer in general law practice. He is a present judge advocate of the Knights of Columbus here.

NCCM Lists Bishop Sheen's Radio Subjects

Washington —(NC)— Subjects for Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's Catholic Hour addresses during the remainder of Lent have been announced here by the National Council of Catholic Men, which produces the radio program in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company.

On March 9, he will speak on "Christ the Saviour, Not Martyr"; March 16, "The Last Supper"; March 23, "The Agony in the Garden"; March 30, "Pilate and Caiaphas"; and April 6, "The Seven Last Words."

Bishop Sheen, who is Auxiliary of New York and national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will conclude his series Easter Sunday. General title of the series is "The Life of Christ."



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Mixed Marriage Is Far From The Ideal

These miserable people have their food at home in common, but the table of Christ (Holy Communion) they cannot have in common; vowing to have their bodies faithfully united in one, while they rend the body of Christ through being attached to different communions (religions). Great is the scandal, great the devil's triumph, great the ruin of souls.—St. Augustine.

SOME time ago a young man called to consult a priest concerning what he called a prospective mixed marriage. He, a Presbyterian, was keeping company with a Methodist young lady. Now, although a marriage between a Presbyterian and a Methodist, broadly speaking, be called a mixed marriage, there is so little difference between their respective Confessions of Faith that there would be little reason to oppose their marriage, even if they were actually familiar with the complete teaching of their respective religious organizations.

Upon inquiry the priest discovered that the young man knew very little about his Presbyterianism; that he was not even a very practical member, although he feared that religious differences might spoil a marriage.

By a mixed marriage we understand a marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic, whether he be a Protestant, Jew or Mohammedan, whether he be a Presbyterian, or a Methodist, or be unattached to any religion.

Now, why does the Catholic Church forbid such marriages? The reasons are many:

(1) God Himself forbade marriages in the Old Law between Jews, the members of the true religion at that time, and any others. In Genesis XXIV, 3, we read that Abraham made his eldest servant swear "by the Lord the God of Heaven and earth, that thou take not a wife for my son of the daughter of the Chanaanites, among whom he dwells."

In Deuteronomy VII, 3, we read: "Neither shalt thou make marriages with them. Thou shalt not give thy daughter to his son, nor take his daughter for thy son."

Can you conceive of God blessing a marriage which He Himself forbids?

In the New Testament marriage between members of Christ's true Church and others have always been reprobated, and, to say the least, only tolerated.

(2) True marriage is not between bodies, but between personalities, and one's religion largely determines his personality, his principles, his standards.

(3) Before God only one thing matters, and that is the religion which He descended on earth in person to establish. Therefore that one thing should matter to every Catholic.

(4) Religion is the most effective binding force, and in marriage there should be perfect unity in all matters that are of considerable importance. There could be little unity where there is no religious harmony in the home.

(5) Husband and wife should have the same concept of God, His laws, of His teachings. In other words, they should know Him alike and be able to serve Him alike, and teach their children quite definitely about Him and His religion.

If the husband believes something to be very unimportant and even superstitious, which the wife believes to be essential; if husband does not care what God teaches and never worships Him, what, do you think, must be the effect on the character of the children?

(6) Children are most certain to be reared in religious doubt when husband and wife each follow a different religion, or when one is given to religious practice and the other not. Children, by nature inquisitive, will not be able to understand why their parents cannot agree. If they cannot agree, why should their children be in perfect agreement with one of them only?

(7) The Catholic is a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, the non-Catholic is not. In the eyes of God this is a matter of the greatest importance.

(8) The non-Catholic often does not intend to contract an indissoluble marriage, or one that binds until death, and since God has made the contract indissoluble, one who antecedently decides not to contract such a life-long bargain would contract no marriage at all.

(9) Experience alone offers a most powerful argument against

mixed marriages. Every priest, with a few years' experience, could tell of instances of great regrets which have been expressed to him by the Catholic party, who would never do it over.

God would have faith marry faith, grace marry grace. His adopted child marry another adopted child.

In a mixed marriage, we do not blame the non-Catholic, but the Catholic. The non-Catholic regards one religion as good as another and, therefore, he violates no principle in marrying a Catholic. He does not think of marriage as a Sacrament, and, therefore, cannot be expected to approach it as a Sacrament.

All the fault rests with the Cath-

olic party, who does violate principle, violates a law of the Church and, therefore, indirectly a law of God.

Answers To Questions On Marriage

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sulting from hasty and unpremeditated marriages.

Catholics should never ask for a dispensation from the banns, nor should they try to keep the marriage a close secret. The tongues of gossipers become busy and indulge in unkind insinuations. Is not there something very commendable about a bold announcement which can be construed as an invitation to the public to "find fault if you can?"

Do It Right

Many states now follow the practice of the Church in demanding that people intending to marry publicize their intention some days before a license may be issued to them.

(4) In most dioceses of the

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United States, mixed marriages may not take place in the church proper, even outside the sanctuary. This is due to the fact that the Church only tolerates mixed marriage. But in some other dioceses mixed marriages are permitted to take place in the parish church of the Catholic.

A mixed marriage in the home of the bride is also discouraged by the Church, because it might leave the impression that the Church does not look on it with disfavor. Follow the diocesan custom, or you will create a great embarrassment for the priest.

(5) A clandestine marriage is one which is attempted without the presence of the parish priest, or one delegated by him, and without two witnesses. For Catholics that is not a marriage at all.

The witnesses at a Catholic marriage should also be Catholic. If a Catholic should ask a non-Catholic friend to act as bridesmaid, it should always be as an additional witness, and not as one of the two required by the law.

Since people are expected to be married only once in a lifetime, they should even voluntarily seek to have it performed right. If they would have the biggest possible blessing come to it, they should

enter marriage according to the will of God, and with that of His Church, which represents Him in this world.

Nature's Rosary

"Welcome, Padre: we've been waiting many years for you to say Mass and recite the Rosary in our town."

It was the first visit of Father Robert E. Lee, Maryknoll Missioner from Brooklyn, to the tiny village of Santa Cruz Chico, hidden deep in the Yucatan jungle. The man who greeted him so warmly was called Pacheco. His words reminded Father Lee of the extra rosaries in his pack.

"Does anyone need a new pair of beads?" asked Father Lee.

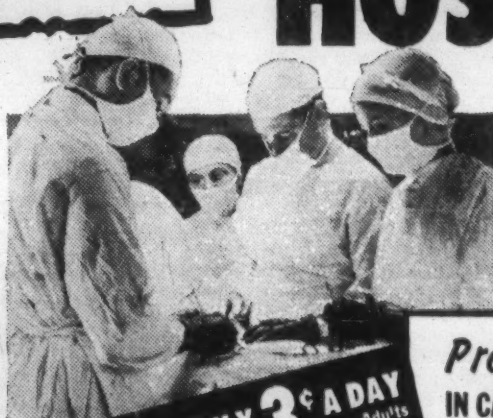
"Well, yes and no," chuckled Pacheco, digging into his pocket. "The last priest to come here gave us rosaries. Since they wore out we have been using our old ones, but I don't know whether you'd call these a pair of beads."

In his outstretched hand Pacheco held ten kernels of corn!—Maryknoll News Notes.

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Bear in mind that many people are not happily married, even though they do not go to the divorce courts and separate. They do not want the general public to know that they are so unhappy; they do not like that unpleasant publicity, therefore they tolerate each other; and because of their children and their immediate relatives and friends, they keep on trying to patch things up.

It can be said without any question that Almighty God would like to have all married people happy. He would bring together the two who are, in most respects, congenial and who could be favorably mated; and, if they merit it, would give His own divine help to promote their happiness.

He will not do that, however, for the benefit of parents who do not pray throughout the early lives of their children that God might direct them towards happiness either in marriage, or the religious life,

or in the state of single blessedness in the world. God must be consistent, which means, in this case, that if He calls most people to the state of marriage, He must make them happy in that state unless they become undeserving of it.

Yes, according to statistics, marriage is at least a fifty-fifty risk. Since it is a permanent contract, young people should not only urge their parents pray for them, but should themselves pray for a happy marriage, for direction to the right marriage partner, and then make themselves deserving of God's cooperation. This they can do by keeping a virtuous courtship and by receiving the Sacraments more frequently during courtship than they ever did before.

Our Chief Enemy

You should need no proof that the devil is greatly interested in the failure of marriages and, therefore, he will influence the selection of a partner by a young man or woman if he is given even indirect encouragement, by not being on their guard against his deceit, his allurements, his temptations.

Holy Scripture tells us that our chief fight in this world is not against flesh and blood, but against "the spirit of wickedness in high places." That is completely overlooked by people who have no religion, or who are not instructed in their faith.

That God is deeply concerned about one's marital success and happiness was made clear when Christ, at His first public appearance, attended a marriage. He was not there as you might attend the marriage of a friend, to wish them "good luck" and "prosperity."

Christ accepted the invitation because He wanted to make it clear that God Himself was the author of the marriage contract; that He wants also to be present at every marriage in order to bless it. He does not attend, would not accept an invitation to, a marriage contract by two people whose souls belong to the devil. He had told the Jews of old that "those who prepare for marriage in such manner as to shut God out of their lives, over them the devil has power."

This philosophy and doctrine should be easily accepted by the Catholic, because it is axiomatic when we take account of what the spiritual life is, what our purpose on earth is, what the purpose of marriage is, and what the influence of our married life will be on the next generation and possibly, with our fault, on many generations to come.

Even non-Catholics, when they get their heads together seriously, subscribe to this doctrine.

Case For Chastity

One who has written a great deal on the subject of marriage, Margaret Culkin Banning, expressed the belief that normal young men and women do not want unchastity; that the case for chastity does not need much pleading before right-minded young people; that if they do not perceive the consequences of familiarities included in the modern word "petting," it is due to the fact that they had not been instructed, as our people have, in the principles of the moral law and the Ten Commandments.

The movies have had great influence on perverting young people's minds. These youths have attended movies since they were

little children where they see people who had not known one another in the past introduced to each other on the screen, and before the show ends are hugging and kissing each other; and they gather the impression that such is the custom in courtship. These youths do not take into account the fact that these people may be husband and wife, that they are only acting, and are not in love with each other.

It should not be difficult to convince right-minded people, no matter what their religion be, that they would have little respect for their own brother or sister who misbehaved. It should not be difficult to convince them that voluntary misconduct is worse than "rape," towards which everyone feels a horror. One who cannot help herself is not half so bad in the eyes of God as the one who invites temptation. When such familiarities are indulged in at each succeeding meeting there is less likelihood of repentance. When that happens God leaves them to the devil into whose hands they played.

When people marry they marry a person and, therefore, it is important that each become well informed concerning the personality of the other, which can never be learned in secret courtship. It could be well learned in the home of the young man or young woman because it would be displayed when

that young person acts normally and naturally. One's disposition is not changed by marriage and, therefore, the faults which one has at home, known to parents and to brothers and sisters, are continued during marriage.

Young people should know that fascination is not love. It is directed merely towards the young person's appearance and manners, which might merely be a nice dress covering a bad personality. Fascination and lust are just the opposite of love.

A noted non-Catholic author has well written:

If you will have the nuptial union last, Let virtue be the bond that ties it fast.—Rowe.

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Answers To Common Questions On Marriage

LET us today answer a few questions often asked about marriage. For instance:

- (1) What is meant by the impediment of consanguinity?
- (2) Of affinity?
- (3) Why must the banns of marriage be published?
- (4) May mixed marriages take place in the church?
- (5) What is a clandestine marriage?

(1) The older ones of you learned from your Catechism that Catholics are not permitted to marry within the fourth degree of kindred, which is another word for consanguinity or blood relationship. However this provision was altered some years ago so that the impediment now covers only the third degree.

Father and daughter, mother and son, are related in the first degree; first cousins in the second degree; second cousins in the third degree. Most states have a law conforming to that of the Church, which forbids first cousins to marry. Now while the Church extends her provision one degree further, namely, to second cousins, if there be good reason for such a marriage a dispensation may be procured.

(2) The impediment of affinity arises from every valid marriage between a man and the blood relatives of the woman; and between the woman and the blood relatives of the man. The relatives of the husband become related to the wife in the same degree as they are related to him by blood, and vice versa. Affinity is not contracted by a brother or sister of the husband, or by a brother or a sister of the wife. Hence a brother of the husband may marry the sister of his wife.

(3) The banns of marriage must be promulgated chiefly for the purpose of eliciting information about the freedom to marry on the part of one or both parties.

Every priest has had experience with one who comes from some distant point and represents himself to some unsuspecting Catholic as being free to marry, while an investigation disclosed that he had deserted a wife, and oftentimes little children elsewhere.

It must be remembered that our country has millions of comparatively young men and women who are divorced, and who, because the law would permit them to marry again, do not feel that they are obligated in conscience to apprise the friend whom they would marry that they had been previously married and since divorced. Since the termination of the war every community has young divorcees re-

GOD LOVE YOU

Most Reverend
Fulton J. Sheen



OUT of many friends made through this "God Love You" column, we could count less than three who gave much because they have little. All the rest, sacrifice much because they have little. Our Holy Father's Missions receive few gifts, but they do receive many sacrifices; one little offering made in a spirit of self-denial is better than a treasure out of much! . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to B. J. P. and fellow students who collected papers and magazines on the college campus and sent the Holy Father's Missions \$28 . . . **BLESSINGS** from a missionary in Oceania who has been able to baptize 250 pagans, thanks to the work of a catechist paid for by the sacrifices from America . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to six year old D. C. of Puerto Rico who sent \$6 from her savings bank to help the Holy Father's Missions . . . Quintuplets were born and all are thriving in the Leper Colony at Tuticorin, India . . . May the Dionnes read this and help the second family of quint.

The world has gone long enough on the principle: "I am as good as you." Let us turn it around and say to the poor in the Missions: "You are as good as I." . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to D. R. for \$70 "received in a retroactive pay increase" and given to the Holy Father's Missions . . . The sin in the world will bow to nothing less potent than the Blood of Christ. For \$150 a year you can educate a priest to offer the Chalice of Redemption daily for your intention and for the world . . . Did you think of praying for the 20,000 catechists the Catholic Church has in Japan, who are like John the Baptist preparing the way for the priests? If you had a World Mission Rosary and the little leaflet explaining its colors, you would have had a reminder to do so. For a \$2 offering and a request, we will bless and send you a World Mission Rosary . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to Mrs. J. P. T. and family who gave up coffee for a month.

During Lent is a good time to plead to God to have mercy on your souls. The best way to receive Mercy is to show it, and particularly to the 1,100,000,000 pagans in the world by a sacrifice for the Holy Father's Missions . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to E. A. who after reading this column decided to sacrifice the \$3 originally intended for the beauty parlor . . . There are 80 million people in Pakistan, most of them Moslems. Only 220,000 are Catholic. We are sending statues of Our Lady of Fatima among the Moslems in the hope that the Moslems who recognize Mary may come to Jove Her Divine Son. . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to Mrs. M. I. who sent \$6.07 instead of buying curtains. "In return, pray for my husband's conversion and my father's return to the Sacraments."

A seventy year old missionary, who spent 44 years of his life in the Missions, was arrested by the Reds and thrown into a room 20 x 20 with 61 other prisoners. There during 10 months as he was handcuffed to other prisoners, he baptized the dying, heard confessions of the Catholics, said prayers aloud so all could hear. Finally brought to trial, the charge against him was organizing the Legion of Mary. Fellow prisoners at the trial held him upright for two and a half hours—he was too weak to stand. As he was paraded through the streets, the people cried at the sight of this pointed old man, but the Communists shouted: "No pity for the Imperialist devils!" . . . If your hand was hurt, would not your whole body pain? Well, the Church in China is part of our Mystical Body. If you feel its agonies, you will make a sacrifice of a luxury or a pleasure, and send it to the Holy Father's representative in this country, the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 E. 38th St., New York 16x, New York or your Diocesan Director.



Father Conroy Talking

Saints In The World

MANY teen-agers entertain the idea that only those who go away to be priests, brothers or nuns should be holy. This means simply that if one is going to follow a secular vocation, he can conveniently dispense with high religious aims. That's for priests, brothers and sisters. They want to lead holy lives so let them go some place where they can do that.

We have come across this strange viewpoint many times while giving retreats to teen-agers and in talking with them at other times. We have also noticed it in our mail.

Of course, there is no good reason for any youth coming to such a conclusion. Our Divine Master has extended the obligation of holiness to all. Of course, He calls some to higher degrees of holiness than others, but nevertheless everyone has to gain it in greater or lesser degree. It is a condition for happiness here and hereafter.

For instance, a strong faith is just as necessary in the married state as it is in the religious state. This becomes especially evident when one stops to consider that 99 1/2% of all religious vocations spring from good homes in the first place. But even aside from that, anyone who enters the married state without building that marriage on a strong faith in God is in for a bad time, a very bad time indeed. The marriage will have little chance of success and certainly will produce no happiness.

Or take purity for instance. There are times when the married state demands the practice of this virtue to an extraordinary degree, and yet does not offer half the safeguards for its protection that the monastery or convent does. To meet this situation requires heroic determination and courage.

The same can be said for the single state.

We know of men engaged in professional work — doctors, lawyers and others — who insist that their parish priest lead a saintly life and maintain a good name for the Church in the community. Yet they engage in all manner of shady deals themselves and tear down every bit of good that their priest accomplishes.

They demand of him — and rightly so — honesty, integrity and great strength of character. They feel embarrassed if a lack of these qualities causes their non-Catholic friends to point at the priest, but think nothing of the shame which they bring to the Church by their own lax conduct.

This is all occasioned by that kind of thinking which leaves religion to the religious and religious indifference to everyone else.

Let anyone get the idea that virtue is important only to those entering the religious life, this issue of Our Sunday Visitor is given over to a consideration of the secular vocations and the necessity of sanctity in following them.

Today, more than ever, good saintly people are needed in the world. The Mystical Body of Christ needs health in all of its members. That's the why of the Catholic Action. It's the reason for the Christophers, The FIGHTING 69th, and other movements which have been placed in the hands of the laity.

All of this is to one purpose, namely, to help the youth follow his vocation in the world, "in sanctity and holiness of truth."

Help Christophers Overcome Bad Ideas By Replacing Them With Good

Here's How You Can Change The World

FATHER James Keller, M.M., founder of The Christophers, never tires of telling each and every one of us that "You can change the world." He hastens to add that he doesn't use the word "you" collectively, but to refer to you and me directly. And he's right.

No improvement has ever come to the world but what it was started by a single individual.

No evil has ever been visited upon the world and its people but what it was started by one man.

The way to overcome evil and restore good, Father Keller tells us, is to replace bad ideas with good ideas.

Thousands of readers of the Youth Section of Our Sunday Visitor have reached that stage in life when they must decide upon their careers. We would like to suggest to them in this special edition devoted to vocations to the married

life (and therefore the necessity of earning a living in the world) that they learn more about Father Keller's Christophers and the manner in which they seek to change the world for the better.

We all know that the word "Christopher" means "Christ-bearer." That explains the purposes of the Christophers: to take Christ with them wherever they go; to restore the world to Christ.

In explaining the Christophers in his "You Can Change the World" Father Keller says this:

Did you ever stop to think that the United States is being effectively undermined by less than one percent of the people of our country, of whom only a portion are Communists?

Nearly everyone in this one percent has a militant hatred for the basic truths upon which this nation is founded (and without which it cannot endure): that each and

every human being is a child of God, created in His image and likeness; that he gets his fundamental rights from God, not from the State; and that the chief purpose of the state—as the Founding Fathers repeatedly affirmed in the Declaration of Independence—is to protect these God-given rights.

These few are not content to keep their hatred of God and country to themselves. As everyone driven by such a perverse hatred is automatically a "missioner," those in this group therefore want to poison the minds of many, not merely a few. Invariably they make it their business to get into one of the four influential spheres of activity which touch and sway the majority of the people: (1) education, (2) government, (3) labor-management, (4) writing (news-papers, magazines, books, radio, motion pictures, television).

It is our conviction that one per-

cent of the normal, decent citizens of America can be found who are willing to get into the mainstream of American life as Christophers and work as hard to restore to it the divine truth and human integrity as the other one percent are striving furiously to eliminate these values. One of the best ways to get rid of weeds is to plant something in their stead. The big need, therefore, is to encourage people with good ideas to go into the market-place rather than to concentrate too much on driving out those with evil designs.

Role Of The Christopher

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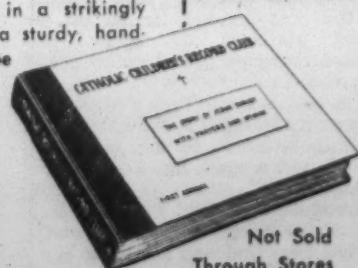
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The Beautiful Catholic Marriage Ceremony

He that made the first marriage in Paradise, bestows His first miracle upon a Galilean marriage, He that was the author of matrimony and sanctifieth it, doth, by His holy presence, honor the resemblance of His eternal union with His Church.—Bishop Hall (Prot.)

THE generality of Americans have little regard for the sacredness of marriage. How differently has the Catholic Church viewed marriage through the centuries, when she defended its stability and sacred character before princes and kings! As always, so today, the Church urges her people

to think only of a holy Christian marriage and to prepare themselves for that sort of marriage.

Holding that a Christian marriage is a Sacrament, the Church would have her people approach it as they would any other Sacrament, after proper preparation, after cleansing their souls from sin, and in a disposition to be united to Christ, the Author of the Sacrament, in Holy Communion, on the day they are united to each other as husband and wife.

The Catholic marriage takes place before the altar in church; the mutual promises are pledged in the presence of God. Then the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for the wedded couple, and during this Mass the Church permits what she permits at no other time, except for the consecration of the Holy Oils by the Bishop on Holy Thursday, namely, the interruption of the Mass at its principal part, so that the priest may pray over the newly married couple. He prays as follows to Jesus, present on the altar:

Look down favorably, O Lord, upon our prayers and upon Thy institution, which Thou hast ordained for the propagation of the human race, and kindly grant that the bond, which has been

made by Thee, may always be preserved with Thy help.

The Mass is interrupted again just before the blessing, at which time the priest prays over the couple as follows:

May the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob be with you, and may He fill you with His blessing, that you may see your children's children to the third and fourth generation, and that afterwards you may have life everlasting through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit ruleth as God forever and ever. Amen.

Immediately prior to the marriage ceremony, before the altar in the church, the Church addresses the two who are about to be married as follows:

"My dear friends, you are about to enter a union, of which God Himself is the author, and which our Divine Savior has consecrated in a special manner, giving to it a character of sanctity, which places it among the holiest institutions of religion.

"He knew full well the dangers by which we are surrounded, and the weakness of our nature, which requires a continual encouragement to the discharge of the duties that have been imposed on us. For this reason He has annexed to the worthy reception of this Sacrament, peculiar graces which dispose the married couple to respect the sacred engagement which they have formed, and to enable them to surmount the various obstacles and difficulties they may meet with in the discharge of the duties of life.

"The present occasion, then, is one of great interest to you both; nor can you view it in any other

Those Whom You Should Not Marry

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ed to drink; if he has been known as a worthless sort of fellow, then, as a friend, you might expend your best efforts on his reformation without any view of marrying him. But do not risk a bad marriage.

Use Common Sense

Do not marry the man or woman who has not a high regard for virtue. You can be sure that, after marriage, you will be suspicious and jealous of him or her. That is the lesson of history and the lesson of common sense. Holy Scripture makes it very clear that Almighty God will not bless a marriage which was not preceded by a clean courtship.

Common sense on the part of both parties is a pre-requisite for happiness. You might call it level-headedness. This common sense is needed for the management of the home, for the following of a budget, for the proper rearing of children.

Marriage is less sacredly considered by people in the United States than anywhere else in the world. We have innumerable marriage mills and divorce mills. Many people who become acquainted today, next month procure a marriage license without difficulty, and will have even less difficulty in finding a Justice of the Peace or some clergyman to witness their marriage.

County has vied with county to get the marriage business; state with state, to get divorce business—all from a purely financial motive.

Marriage mills and divorce mills are closely related. If we are to have hasty and thoughtless marriages, then we are naturally going to have machinery with which to break up these marriages. If it were difficult to procure a divorce, people would give more thought and reflection to marriage, and exercise more caution in the selection of the marriage partner.

The State has the right to make certain demands in relation to marriage. It may establish, for instance, a minimum age; it may require a residence in the state or county for a certain period; it may require that the parties proposing to get married, receive a license from it, but it may not "put asunder" what God, from Whom civil power is derived, "hath joined together."

Laziness grows on people; it begins in cobwebs and ends in iron chains. The more one has to do, the more he is able to accomplish.—Buxton.

light than a most important era in your lives, and most intimately connected with your temporal and eternal welfare.

"Alas! it but too often happens that the minister of God extends a trembling hand in the performance of the nuptial ceremony. The scene, it is true, is one of joyous festivity; but how frequently is the blessing, which the priest imparts, rendered null by the invisible maledictions of Him Who penetrates the inmost recesses of the heart!...

"How different, we hope, are your prospects!... We hope that you have duly prepared yourselves for this important event, and that your hearts are such, in the sight of God, as to draw down upon you His special favor and blessing. With confidence, then, in the prom-

ise of our Blessed Savior, Who condescended to honor, with His divine presence, the happy nuptials of Cana, we invite Him to come and preside on this occasion also; to bless the contract you are about to enter into and to render it, by His grace, a true emblem of that sacred union which exists between Him and His Church; a union of sentiment and action, founded in virtue and the love of God, a union not only for time, but also for eternity.

Owing to the great need, in these days, of receiving a big blessing on their marriage we can have only sympathy for those who can be satisfied with a "house" wedding.

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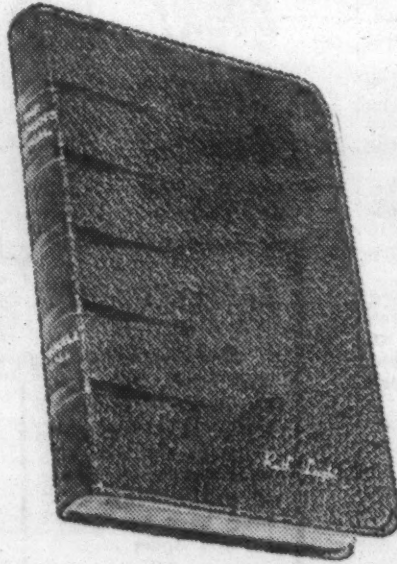
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A Courageous Catholic

ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

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"My conversion had a grammar school beginning," she said softly, "second grade, to be exact."

"But I thought you had been a convert only a little while, and you must be at least . . . er, . . ."

"The man broke off in confusion."

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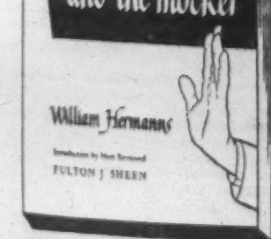
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T-shirt. He walked to his desk with his thin shoulders thrown back defiantly. I was worried about him. I talked a little with him before recess.

"B-but you don't understand, Miss Claire. They won't bother me today. I kept the medal on for love of Jesus and Mary. I'm sticking with Them, so They will stick with me."

"Recess came, and I watched from the window. The very first thing, the two bullies of the class started teasing Chris about his medal, and trying to incite the others. I was undecided. Should I step in at once or watch to see how Chris handled the situation? I waited. Chris stood his ground bravely. The bullies were persistent, but the others seemed fascinated by the way Chris reacted to the teasing. Then gradually a change came over the group. Someone told the bullies to 'go mind their own business.' Someone else gave them a shove, and then, with unbelievable swiftness, Chris, the outsider, the new-comer, had friends. Courage is hard to resist."

"The whole thing set me thinking. The child drew my attention more and more. I contrived to meet his family. They were fine people. Through them I learned about the Catholic faith. When I had proceeded so far in this learning there was nothing left for me to do but become a convert. I had

A Lenten Slogan

Repair And Prepare

CECILIA WADE

Dear Jane:

MY sandals were due for a repair job, so I took them to Charley's place that always smells of leather and stale feet. There aren't any stale feet there, understand, but used shoes do have an odor sometimes.

"Can you fix them, Charley?" I asked. He said he could and told me how much it would cost. I held my head in pain. "Charley, that much?" "That's my price," he said firmly.

"I wish I didn't wear out so much shoe leather," I said mournfully, thinking of how much baby-sitting it would take to pay for that repair job.

"You don't really wear out so much," Charley said, looking scornfully at my sandals. "These are pretty flimsy stuff if you ask me."

I had to borrow fifty cents from Daddy to finish paying the bill, so naturally he asked questions. The conversation between Charley and me repeated to Daddy seemed to send him into one of his serious moods. Now you wouldn't think there could be a bit of connection between my sandals and things spiritual, would you? Sometimes we forget that most anything is possible with our Daddy.

The way Daddy sees it, and he made it rather clear to me, too, our human nature is like the leather in my sandals. There is too little of a lot of things essential to the spiritual life, things like patience, charity, and perseverance. When these virtues "wear thin" we are in danger of walking around with souls bare of grace. We have to have a repair job.

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seen truth, so I must embrace it. I guess that takes us up to the present time.

"One thing I might add," Miss Claire said, "and that is that if more Catholics displayed a courage and faith such as Chris had the number of converts would increase by leaps and bounds. I keep remembering what he said. 'I kept the medal on for love of Jesus and Mary. I'm sticking with Them, so They will stick with me.' He did not back down on what he knew to be right. So many Catholics are unwilling to make a firm stand for their faith for fear of being laughed at when in a mixed crowd. I wonder how many potential converts have been lost through this form of cowardice. But I must go now. Mr. Burke . . ." and Miss Claire left the man with something to think about, too.

In today's Gospel Jesus said, "He who is not with me is against Me; and he who does not gather with me scatters." Young Chris was with Our Lord and His Blessed Mother all the way, and not afraid to show it. Chris gathered . . . a convert. He taught his teacher something which through no fault of hers she had never known, the beauty of the Catholic faith.

pairs come, has His price. If we are "at odds" with someone, we have to make up our differences even though it hurts our silly human pride. If we took something that did not belong to us, a tangible property or a less tangible, like a person's good name, we have to restore that something. It isn't always easy. It always is expensive to our human nature.

Okay, I confess, the fancy phrases were Daddy's, but the logic is mine, too, for I accepted it. Spiritual repairs we must have many times over, and Lent is the perfect time for some really major ones. Pray for me. Daddy says, "Prayer is spiritual conservation for self and friends." "Repair and prepare!" is our Lenten motto.

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Young Readers And Writers



ALMA SAVAGE, Children's Page Editor

Letter From Alma

DO YOU remember reading about Our Lady's Slave in this column last season? Mary Fabyan Windeatt was the author. Today we have The Children of La Salette, also about Our Lady, and also written by Miss Windeatt.

This book is as inviting to look at as it is interesting to read. It contains sixteen lovely black and white illustrations, plus a charming headpiece of Our Lady at the beginning of each chapter. Gedge Harmon, the artist, did a very good job indeed, as did everyone else who had to do with the making of the book.

The story begins with Melanie and Maximin watching their cattle in the fields. Not long after we reach the point where Our Lady appears to the children. All this began in 1846, and the book carries the story all the way up to 1904 when Melanie, looking weary and wan at the age of 73, has come to live in the little town of Altamora.

She was seen only in the early mornings on her way to and from Mass at the Cathedral, and was said to have a beautiful smile for everyone who greeted her. Somehow, the townspeople felt, there was a heavenly quality about that smile, as though Melanie were still looking at the Blessed Mother. Then came one morning when Melanie's place in church was empty. She had not been at Mass, and everyone knew that something must be wrong. A little group gathered in the hallway outside Melanie's poor quarters, and finally the door was forced open.

There she was, neatly dressed, her arms folded, her eyes closed, a happy smile on her lips. She was lying dead on the floor! The neighbors then spoke: "She died last night, I'm sure," one of them said — "she died after the angels sang and brought her Holy Communion!"

This sounded a little strange, but then another neighbor said she had heard the same. "I heard that beautiful singing, and the tinkling of a little bell too. But I never thought..."

The book tells the story of the lives of these people, and all the things that happened as a result of the appearance of Our Lady. And woven through, too, is her message, that people must turn away from sin and do penance, otherwise dreadful trials will come upon the world.

The Children of La Salette by Mary Fabyan Windeatt is published by Grail Publications, St. Meinrad, Indiana (\$2.50).

St. James



Neil James Halvorsen

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ST. JAMES, the greater, is my patron saint. He is called the greater because he was the older of the two apostles called James. The New Testament says that James and John, sons of Zebedee, were mending their nets when Jesus asked them to follow Him.

James visited Spain and preached the gospel there. When he returned to Judea he was put to death by the command of Herod. His body was sent to the northwest of Spain, where many pilgrims visited it. It is said that Spanish soldiers in battle have seen visions of him mounted on a white horse.

I like my patron because he was one of Our Lord's twelve Apostles. He was not afraid to preach about Our Lord nor to die for Him.

IN AFRICA there are many millions of pagans. Our Catholic missionaries labor among them trying to teach the pagans that there is only One True God. The missionaries try to teach the Africans the Ten Commandments and other things that Jesus taught when He was on earth. They also teach them good rules of health and teach them to care for their sick, and to pray the way Jesus taught us to pray.



brothers.

The Africans often cruelly torture the missionaries, and try to make them adore their false gods. But the missionaries do not mind torture and mistreatment for they know that such things bring them nearer to heaven and God. They keep bringing the Word of God to the pagans. They tear down the idols of the false gods and put in their place pictures of Jesus, the Blessed Mother and saints. Our missionaries must be strong and brave to go through all this.

Many of the African pagans are already converted. The missionaries have to go through much in order to convert even one pagan. They have to go through the risk of being arrested and sometimes killed and dying a martyr's death. The reason that the pagans kill the

The missionaries build as many churches, schools and hospitals as they can. They also build convents for the missionary sisters and monasteries for the priests and

missionaries and other Christians is that they think that the missionaries bring evil spirits. Of course, we know that this is not true. We know that the missionaries go to Africa to tell the pagans about God and about why Jesus was crucified and to teach them all that Jesus taught the Apostles. We know that they are carrying out His command for He said, "Go teach all nations what I have taught you." The missionaries of today are the modern Apostles.

The people of Africa have dark skin. Sometimes they are friendly but other times they are very unfriendly. Like Jesus when He was on earth, the missionaries love little children and give them clothes and toys. The missionary sisters sometimes give parties for the children and their parents. The natives of Africa are often grateful for all that the missionaries do for them but sometimes they are ungrateful as when they martyr these good people.

The missionaries do not have to take overcoats or other warm clothing with them to Africa as it is warm there the whole year round.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES—CHAPTER 19

RHODA

Marigold Hunt

INSIDE the house there were a great many people, all praying as hard as they could for Peter. When he knocked on the door a girl called Rhoda went to see who was there, but when she heard Peter's voice through the door, she was so excited she didn't open it! Instead she ran back to the room where everyone was praying and told them that Peter was at the gate!

"Nonsense!" they said.

"It is Peter!" said Rhoda.

"Perhaps it is his guardian angel," some one suggested, and they finally went to the door, where Peter was still knocking, and opened it.

When they saw who was there they stood back in astonishment and Peter came in, holding up his hand to tell them not to make a noise. He told them all what had happened and asked them to let James know about it. This was the other apostle James, the one who was Bishop of Jerusalem, and of course, not the one who had just had his head cut off.

Then as it seemed better for Peter to be as far away as possible before he was missed from the prison, he went away. St. Luke doesn't tell us where he went to, but most people think he went to Antioch and was bishop there for some time before he went to Rome.

Herod Is Angry

When it was time to change Peter's guards very early in the morning, there was a terrible fuss in the prison. Where in the world was Peter? Herod was furious, of course, and had a terrific search made for him. But it was no use! So he had Peter's guards put to death. I hope they were allowed, somehow or other, to go to heaven, because it was really rather hard on them!

After this, Herod, in a very bad temper, left Jerusalem and went to Cesaria, where he was going to

hold great festivities in honor of the Roman Emperor. Besides feeling thoroughly silly over Peter's escape, he was angry for some reason with the people of Tyre and Sidon, the two main cities of Phoenicia. The people of these cities wanted very badly to make friends with him again, because a famine was starting in their country, and they depended for much of their food on Palestine. This was part of the famine foretold by the prophet Agabus, and it was being felt in Palestine, but no doubt not so badly.

Well, the people from Tyre and Sidon came to Cesaria to see Herod. They made friends (by bribes, I expect) with Herod's chamberlain, Blastus, and he arranged for them to see Herod during the festivities. Herod had dressed up in his very best and most royal robes for the occasion and he sat on a raised platform to speak to them, looking as grand as he possibly could.

The people from Tyre and Sidon apparently thought a little flattery would do no harm, so they shouted. "It is not a man, but a god who speaks to us!"

Herod thought that was fine. He was all for being considered a god, but the real God had suddenly had enough of Herod. He sent an angel to strike him there and then with

For the children

Chats Out Of Church

FATHER RAY GRIBBIN

Hello Girls And Boys!

THERE is one thing, I think, that nearly every little boy and girl tells each time he or she goes to confession. That is, "I was disobedient." It is something that nearly everyone is guilty of. It is something that you must probably tell every time yourself.

Of course, you promise God that you will do better. You tell Him that you do not want to disobey anymore. But it just seems to keep happening. Week after week, day after day, you disobey.

In a way, it is not all your fault. Because you are a human child, a boy or girl who was born with Original Sin, you are a bit like Adam and Eve, after they sinned. You are weak. You almost "naturally" disobey, because down inside you want to be somebody so important that you do not have to obey anybody.

But in another way it is your fault. God gives you all the help you need. He even sent His Son to earth to show you, and me, and everyone what it means to obey. He sent Him to teach us that the only person who is somebody is the person who knows how to obey.

If you remember your Bible History you know that Moses became somebody, somebody important, because He obeyed God. Only once He disobeyed, and God showed him that if he could not obey all the time he could not be important either. God did not let Moses enter the Promised Land.

Even later on, God showed that He loved Abraham because Abraham obeyed. He saved Lot because Lot obeyed, but when Lot's wife disobeyed God turned her to a pillar of salt. And Noe—he was laughed at for obeying God, but when the flood came he was one of the few people who escaped.

In other words, everyone who was ever somebody, as far as God is concerned, obeyed. In fact, the greatest Person the world ever saw was a Person who obeyed. That, of course, was Jesus. He was the

a horrible disease. No one saw the angel, but they saw Herod suddenly crumple up in his grand clothes, and saw him carried away, not looking in the least like a god. He died a few days later, and that was the end of him.

Meanwhile, Saul and Barnabas had brought the collection of money from Antioch to Jerusalem, and having handed it over and heard all the news about Peter, they started back to Antioch again, taking Mark with them.



African Missions

MARIANNE DZURNAK

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Son of God, but He obeyed and was born in a stable. For thirty years He obeyed His Father in heaven, and He obeyed Mary and Joseph on earth.

He obeyed in the Garden of Olives. He obeyed on the Cross. Everything Jesus did was an act of obedience.

So if you want to be holy, as Jesus was, you must obey. If you want God to love you, you must obey. If you want to get to heaven, you must obey.

After all, God made you. He knows what is best for you. So if He tells you to obey Him, what He says is important. If He tells you to obey your mother and father, or guardian, what He says is important.

It is so important that you ought to think about obedience every day during Lent. For you, the way to holiness is through obedience. So every day you should try to be more like Jesus by being perfectly obedient.

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task is to insist on truth where others are intent on furthering falsehood, to establish order where others are spreading confusion. Where there is hate, he tries to bring in love; where there is darkness, he carries light. Always striving to implant more firmly the fundamentals which others are trying to uproot, the Christopher emphasizes the normal rather than the abnormal.

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The Christopher will often work quietly, even silently, as heaven works in dough, yet never stealthily nor underhandedly.

The Christopher should ask no favors, seek no privileges, look for no special attention, be ready for neglect, misunderstanding, and suffering. He or she is ever aware that the important thing is to be there, as Christ commanded.

Even if nothing more is achieved than filling one spot which otherwise might be occupied by one bent on subversion or perversion, this is no small accomplishment in itself. But far more than this results: the very presence of a bearer of Christ in any sphere means that Christ is also present there through a personal representative who acts as an instrument of His grace.

Overcoming Evil By Good

The over-all problem facing our country as well as the world is materialistic atheism. Communism is only one expression of this godlessness. Even if Communism disappeared overnight, the problem is still a tremendous one. An enormous missionary task still remains to be done. The de-spiritualizing process which has taken place during the last 75 years is approaching its logical conclusion in our own day and age—world-wide reduction of men to the level of the beast, with resultant misery, hatred, destruction, and wholesale murder.

In every country that the godless have undermined and eventually destroyed, they first swarmed into the main fields of public influence.



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They taught millions over the earth to have a false outlook on life, to ignore their eternal destiny. Too many of those who believe in God, instead of getting into the thick of things and overcoming evil with good, have withdrawn into a world apart from the frightening realities around them. For them the words of the Apostle Paul have an added significance: "Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good." (Rom. 12:21)

The awful challenge of our times demands more than understanding and sympathy, more than token performance. We are bidden by the Prince of Peace not to cease our efforts until we have brought His sublime message to "all men of all nations."

The object of the Christopher movement, therefore, is to develop a sense of personal responsibility

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and initiative in bringing back into the market-place the major truths which alone guarantee peace for all mankind.

The achievements of tens of thousands who have already gone as Christophers into the four fields of influence are inspiring hope for the peaceful transformation that will take place when their number reaches a million.

Each Christopher carries Christ with him, individually and personally, into the dust and heat of the market-place, into the highways as well as the byways, thereby helping to change for the better the trends abroad in the world today. Each Christopher knows he is called by Christ Himself to be a "fisher of men." But he knows, also, that the best fisherman in the world cannot catch a single fish if he is two miles away from the water, just talking about fish.

The Distinguishing Mark

Love of all people should be the distinguishing mark of every Christopher. He must guard against the dangerous tendency which is developing among many people of otherwise sound judgment who are beginning to return hatred for hatred, instead of meeting hatred with love.

As never before, we need to remember that Christ died for all men, even for those who crucified Him. Upon this basic principle rests the whole spirit of the Christopher movement: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35). The more one brings Christ into his own personal living, the better will he be able to bring Christ into the lives of others. He will:

(1) Pray for all. This means of

showing love for all is at the disposal of everybody.

(2) Go to all. One of the greatest tributes ever paid Christ was that "He went about doing good." We likewise must mingle with all men, even those who know Him not, so far as it is in our power to do so. We should not expect them to come to us.

(3) Teach all. People are won or lost by ideas, not by things. Subversives, seldom putting one stone upon another in building anything, stick tenaciously to the realm of ideas. Through ideas, fallacious as they are, they have swayed the outlook of millions over the earth. They knew that whoever controls the thought of man controls all else. But the only way to overcome bad ideas is to replace them with good ideas, the immutable principles of Christ. Christ tells us to "preach the gospel to every crea-

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ture." He bids us "go into the whole world ... to all men." To be daring for love of others He urges us to "launch out into the deep," with the assurance that "I am with you all days."

A positive, personal love of all, even of those who hate, is absolutely essential. Complaining and criticizing accomplish little or nothing. A Christopher spends his time improving, not disapproving, because he knows that "it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

If a million persons go as Christ-bearers into every sphere of life, they will bring love where there is hate, the light of Christian principles where there has been only darkness and error.

We shall publish other articles about the Christophers from time to time. We suggest, however, that you keep in touch with their work. You can do that without cost by asking Father James Keller to send to you every month his "Christopher News Notes." The address is 18 East 48th Street, New York 17, New York.

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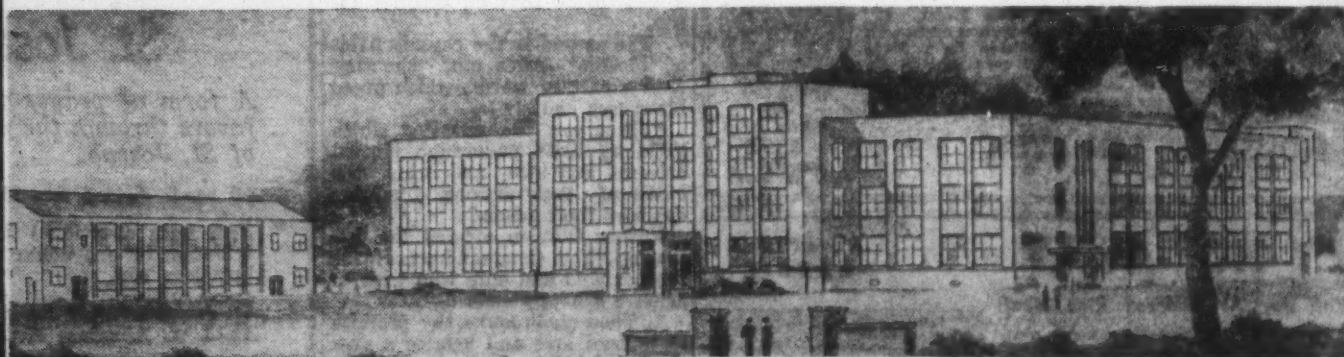
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CHARLIE CALLAHAN'S Sportscasting

SURE and isn't tomorrow one of the finest days of the year? Would that I were in Manhattan town and could march in the big parade down Fifth Avenue. But I can't so I'll just wish one and all a Happy St. Patrick's Day. And don't forget to wear your green tie.

It would be the day to make a presentation of some sort or another to the fabulous Johnny O'Brien, of Seattle University, the first player in the history of college basketball to make more than 1,000 points in one season. Imagine, more than a 1,000 points! His three

year record, so far, of 2,356 points, may stand forever. And now, I ask, could it have been set by a lad with a better name.

The National Invitational Basketball Tournament, which finished this weekend, in Madison Square Garden could almost have been renamed the National Catholic tourney. Nine of the 12 teams selected were Catholic colleges. They were: Seattle, Holy Cross, Duquesne, St. Bonaventure, St. Louis, St. John's (Brooklyn), Dayton, Seton Hall and LaSalle.

The National Catholic Invitation tournament is in actuality going on at Troy, N. Y., with play having started last night (March 15) and finals are scheduled for next Saturday evening, March 22. The N.C.A.A. tourney starts on March 21 and finishes out in Seattle, Wednesday, March 26. All of which seems like quite a bit of tournament play, hither and yon throughout the land.

The Tablet, Brooklyn Catholic newspaper, has announced its 1952 Catholic College All-American Basketball Team. The third annual squad was chosen by a committee made up of Jack Butler and Jim Greene, Tablet sports editor and sports columnist, respectively, and 25 Catholic College coaches across the country.

Aware of the fact that not many players compete for the whole game and because of the high calibre of the players voted on, it was decided to select a "dream" team of ten men without regard to first or second position. Repeats on the squad include Zawoluk, an almost unanimous choice for the third straight year, and Meineke and Hennessey, hold-overs from last year's selections. The "dream" team is as follows:

Tablet All-American

Forwards: Larry Hennessey, Villanova; Jim Tucker, Duquesne; Bob Zawoluk, St. John's; Nick Kladis, Loyola of Chicago.

Centers: Walt Dukes, Seton Hall; Don Meineke, Dayton.

Guards: Ray Steiner, St. Louis; Billy Harrell, Siena; John O'Brien, Seattle; Earle Markey, Holy Cross.

Coaches Committee: Frank McGuire, St. John's; Danny Lynch, St. Francis, Brooklyn; Honey Russell, Seton Hall; Taps Gallagher, Niagara; Kenny Norton, Manhattan; Johnny Bach, Fordham; Ed Hickey, St. Louis; Jimmy McDermott, Iona; Don Kennedy, St. Peter's; Buster Sheary, Holy Cross; Ray Meyer, DePaul; Johnny Jordan, Notre Dame; Tom Niland, LeMoine; Dan Sunha, Siena; Lefty Reitz, Loyola of Baltimore; Pete Carlesimo, Scranton; Al Severance, Villanova; Buddy O'Grady, Georgetown; Ed Melvin, St. Bonaventure; Bob Calihan, Detroit; Tom Haggerty, Loyola of the South; Tom Blackburn, Dayton; Scotty McDonald, Loyola of Los Angeles; Al Brightman, Seattle, and Duddy Moore, Duquesne.

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Bengal Bouts

On the Notre Dame campus, St. Patrick's night, will be the finals of a boxing tournament that for spirited action can compare with any amateur mitt-slinging get-together in the country. This would be the annual Bengal Bouts. Actually, it is the school boxing tournament and is called the Bengal Bouts because all proceeds go to the Bengal Missions in India. Honorary referee at the finals this year will be Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass. heavyweight contender.

With all my references to St. Patrick's Day, this would seem as good a time as any to examine the position of the Fighting Irish with reference to the future of college football. And so for the rest of this week's stint, I'm going to reprint a recent column of Joe Doyle's in the South Bend Tribune which deals with the subject:

"Only one point out of the seven proposed by the American Council on Education for the betterment (or de-emphasis if you will) of college athletics affects the nation's best known football power, Notre Dame. But Edward (Moose) Krause, Irish athletic director, figures the various member colleges should be entitled to a fuller explanation of another of the points.

"Notre Dame, at present, follows the code of the Western conference, not because the Big Ten rules are necessarily right, but rather because Notre Dame falls within the sphere of influence of the conference and plays each of the member schools in at least one sport.

"The only point of the A.C.E. plan which Notre Dame does not abide by at present is Point No. 1 which forbids out of season practice. For many years, Irish football players have engaged in a six weeks' spring workout, commencing on St. Patrick's day and ending the first week in May. And the basketball team has at times scheduled spring drills.

"Krause figures that Point No. 2 needs explanation. It reads: Outright athletic scholarships should be abolished. Notre Dame will not deny that many of its athletes receive tuition, board and room in exchange for a job while attending school.

"But does an outright athletic scholarship include this type of remuneration? Or will the abolishment of athletic scholarship mean that schools will resort to the practice of giving a scholarship to an athlete on an academic basis in the manner resorted to by one well-known school.

"In this instance, one of this school's athletic teams wanted to get a prominent high school player, who was more interested in playing for another school.

"Sensing that athletically it had no appeal for the student, the school rigged an academic scholarship test and permitted the student to pass it with the highest grade obtainable.

"After telling him that he had the highest grade in a competitive exam against 10 others, the school offered him an academic scholarship in a course of study he was interested in. The student refused and entered the school of his original choice, only to fail the same course in which the rival school accorded him the highest grade.

"Except for one instance, Notre Dame has not participated in post-season football. In 1925, the Irish played in the Rose Bowl but have since declined all post-season competition.

"Point No. 3 having to do with basketball practice will not especially bother the Irish accord-

ing to Coach Johnny Jordan, who is not in favor of spring workouts.

"Baseball Coach Jake Kline already is toeing the mark. He began indoor drills Feb. 20 and the A.C.E. code specifies three and one-half months between Feb. 1 and the end of the school term. By starting in the middle of February, Kline will have his three and one-half months in on commencement day.

"Point No. 5 which specifies that all athletes must make satisfactory progress toward a degree has always been one of Notre Dame's strong points. The Irish academic stand was emphasized at midterm when three basketball regulars were retired for the season.

"Point No. 6 specifies that freshmen shall not compete. Though first year students did play in 1951-52, the practice has been abandoned by the Big Ten for the next school year.

"The seventh point concerns channeling of aid to athletes. It must go through the athletic department of the university, which is the way the Notre Dame people have been functioning for years.

"Though Notre Dame feels that spring practice for football players is not the main point of the control plan, Krause is quick to point out that loss of spring practice would undoubtedly lower the caliber of football play in the fall.

"Coach Frank Leahy backs him solidly on this idea. Leahy points out that in the spring attention is given to basic fundamentals, while in the fall, attention is paid to opponents on a game to game basis.

"With clarifications of one or two points, Notre Dame is ready to go along with the plan. 'We already live up to the main points, so it won't be too much trouble for us,' reasoned Krause."



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After seven long years in exile came the summons to return. Again, the fears of a father for his Child: Where should he settle down that the Child might be safe? Joseph sought and found the answer to his difficulties, as he always had done, in prayer.

Not much is known of St. Joseph and his family during those silent years of home life in Nazareth. Yet, he plied his humble trade as carpenter in order to secure the things necessary to family life. Dutifully he fulfilled the obligations of the Mosaic law, even though it involved the tedious journey by foot every year to the temple at Jerusalem.

Same Fundamentals

Though times may be different in this modern age of push-button conveniences, yet the fundamentals of a happy family life are the same as they were 2,000 years ago in the poor little home at Nazareth. Number one is always family relationships. Where genuine love reigns family life will be happy, be it the home of the wealthy or that of the poorest on earth.

Many a good father today fully realizes his responsibility as provider, protector and guardian of the bodies and souls entrusted to him by God. He, too, is often sad, as was Joseph, that he cannot provide better things for his dear ones.

Yet what is lacking in material things can often be supplied by love. That deep fatherly love is known, felt and appreciated both by wife and children. But it is something that money cannot buy.

Again the head of the modern family may be sorely grieved at the many dangers life today throws in the path of his teen-age sons and daughters. Perhaps even the best of fatherly admonition goes

'There Ought To Be A Law'

Ten Commandments For Happy Marriage

A LAW requiring engaged couples to take a course of 12 lectures on marriage has been urged by Father John A. O'Brien, author and lecturer at the University of Notre Dame.

Father O'Brien pointed out that drivers must prove themselves competent before getting a license, and that the

stability of home is no less important than highway safety.

Speaking on "Happy Marriages," Father O'Brien said the proposed law would curb divorce which is "wrecking one marriage out of every three." He said:

"Society stands in desperate need of some form of marriage control. Many marriage failures are attributed to mistakes made after the rice has been thrown, but at least one-third were wrecked before the announcements were engraved. Instead of marriage failures, they really were dating failures."

"Any experienced counselor would have noticed radical differences which forebode the enterprise to failure. His best advice to such couples would be a kind, but firm, 'Don't marry.' No word of counsel to married couples in distress is half as helpful as the advice not to embark on a marriage that is almost impossible of success."

Father O'Brien listed the most common causes for marriage failure as excessive drinking, in-law trouble, infidelity, radical ungenerality, selfishness, money differences, sexual maladjustments, cruelty, lack of understanding of marriage, and emotional immaturity and instability. He added:

"In addition, there are two overall contributing factors of enormous importance."

"The first is the widespread secularization of marriage, considering it a mere civil contract and not a vow made to God, binding for life."

"The second is the chronic habit of 'blowing one's top,' shouting angry, cutting words, which breed bitterness and strife."

"These are the termites which little by little undermine mutual esteem and love and bring the castle of their dreams tumbling down on their heads."

Father O'Brien offered the following "Ten Commandments" for the husband and wife who wish to achieve a happy marriage.

1. Thou shalt make thy promise of mutual love and loyalty a vow to God, binding until death.
2. Thou shalt abstain from the angry word which wounds more deeply than the sword.
3. Thou shalt respect the personality of thy mate and not seek to dominate or tyrannize.
4. Thou shalt allow no in-law to interfere with the running of thy home.
5. Thou shalt abstain from drink where alcohol is a danger to either party.
6. Thou shalt make a family budget and observe it.
7. Thou shalt eschew pettiness, nagging, selfishness, jealousy and false pride.
8. Thou shalt grow in consideration and love each day and share thy interests and pleasures to a maximum.
9. Thou shalt love thy children as God's supreme gift and rear

unheeded. Here his one recourse is to prayer, as it was to Joseph. Devout, trustful prayer will never go unanswered. That was the only solution to Joseph's problems; it may be the only solution to many a father's problems today.

The father who takes his responsibility seriously, who strives honestly to provide for his family, who gives the example in the complete observance of the laws of God and of the Church, who makes the sacrifices necessary to avoid sin and to fulfill the duties of his state in life,—such a father will always draw upon his family the blessings of heaven. Be he of the rich, of the middle-class, or of the poor, he will head a happy family, a family that daily grows in the love of God.

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